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Tax rises may not be needed

Surprise leap in output boosts Major

By Philip Webster and Janet Bush

■ Encouraged by heartening economic figures, John Major set aside MPs' doubts over the Christchurch by-election to give a fighting Commons performance

JOHN Major yesterday hailed fresh evidence of a solid economic recovery as the biggest surge in factory output for four years boosted the pound and gave him respite from his mounting troubles.

Manufacturing production jumped by 1.8 per cent in May, suggesting that the economy is growing more robustly than the government had forecast and raising hopes that tax increases may not be necessary in November.

Output is now nearly 5 per cent up on last year and in the past few months, manufacturers have reversed almost half of the decline suffered during the recession. The latest figures show increases in nearly all areas — apart from food, drink and tobacco — with car production up by more than 10 per cent over the past three months and computers by more than 8 per cent.

The prime minister, facing the daunting prospect of the Christchurch by-election and a Commons vote on the Maastricht social chapter, seized on the welcome statistics to give one of his most effective Commons performances for some time. The figures were only one of many signs that the economy was recovering, he said. Retail sales were up, car registrations up, confidence up and unemployment down.

In a combative display that had Tory backbenchers roaring approval, Mr Major also faced head-on the renewed row about the imposition of value-added tax on fuel bills, effectively accusing Labour and the Liberal Democarts of hypocrisy in condemning the charge as he claimed it was a policy they both advocated.

John Smith accused the prime minister of betraying election pledges, but Mr major flung a copy of a Labour newspaper containing references to an energy tax across the despatch box, claiming Mr Smith did not even know his party's policy. He then rounded on Paddy Ashdown "before the Liberal leader looks too smug" to allege that his party had also called for an end to the "anomalous" zero rate of VAT on fuel. "Perhaps you will go back to Christchurch and tell them that," he declared.

As he spoke, the Liberal Democrats were exploiting Monday's narrow VAT vote as they stepped up their by-election campaign, while the Conservative candidate Robert Hayward underlined the opposition to the charge by distancing himself from government policy.

The government's slim majority over VAT also emphasised Mr Major's problems with the social chapter vote. Defeat — possible if only ten Conservatives vote with the opposition parties — could leave Mr Major facing a motion of no confidence days before the by-election. Already ministers are saying the vote is too close to call, and it could be decided by how many Ulster Unionists turn up, but one senior backbencher said: "The chances are we will lose."

Mr Major should, however, receive a boost today when the *House of Lords is expected to* reject Baroness Thatcher's call for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty, and in the Commons yesterday, the prime minister was happy to remind his party that the political pain of recession was easing.

He congratulated Rover on a 13 per cent rise in worldwide car sales in the first six months of this year. "They have increased their sales in Europe quite significantly, and to have done that in the trading conditions of Europe speaks volumes for their pricing and the quality of their product," he said. "There is no doubt that British industry is becoming more competitive and that British manufacturing industry, in particular, is beginning to penetrate new markets in quite a substantial way."

With manufacturing output at its highest level since September 1990, now analysis expect the government to raise its estimate of 1.25 per cent growth this year, and a forecast of 2 per cent is the norm in the City. There are also doubts about whether Kenneth Clarke need contemplate tax increases to tackle the £50 billion budget deficit.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, said: "The Chancellor talking about raising taxes is a real own goal. What he should be saying is that the economy is growing well, that this will cut the public deficit and we don't need higher taxes." Mr Shepperd believes that only a lack of confidence is holding the economy back. "We have all been neurotically looking at peripheral things like house prices and doubted the recovery. But if you look at the indicators that really matter, like manufacturing, it is clear that this recovery has a lot of momentum."

The City has been particularly impressed by the balanced nature of growth. Production for investment has been stronger than most sectors — up 6.5 per cent on last year — while that for the consumer sector, cars aside, remains relatively subdued. Ian Harnett, chief economist of Strauss Turnbull, said: "The emphasis on the investment sector rather than the consumer sector suggests that growth this time may be more sustainable. These are very good figures."

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Tidal fury: a fishing boat tossed on to the quayside lies near a wrecked fire engine after 10ft waves hit Okushiri island in Japan yesterday

Iraq told not to 'play with fire'

From James Bone in New York

AS THE chief United Nations weapons inspector prepared to fly to Baghdad today, diplomats gave a warning that if his mission failed it could trigger a new Western attack on Iraq.

"The Iraqi government is playing with fire, and I hope they will stop playing with fire," Sir David Hannay, Britain's UN ambassador and this month's president of the UN Security Council, said after the meeting which authorised the mission.

Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN special commission charged with eliminating Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, will demand that Iraq accepts long-term UN monitoring of its defence capabilities as required by the UN resolutions that ended the Gulf war. The regime of President Saddam Hussein has constantly challenged these conditions.

An interim solution preventing the use of two missile test sites "may be possible", Mr Ekeus said. Iraqi officials have suggested that the testing equipment might be moved to Muthanna, Iraq's main chemical weapons depot, where UN inspectors destroy lethal chemical armaments.

Birt to answer Tully's attack on BBC reform

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

JOHN Birt, the BBC director-general, will this morning defend his far reaching reforms after a savage attack on his management of the corporation by one of his most respected journalists.

Mark Tully, the veteran India correspondent, yesterday issued a warning that Mr Birt was destroying the skill base which has made the BBC famous by putting television above radio and money above everything else.

The personality cult that has been built up around Mr Birt by sycophantic managers had created a climate of fear among staff, he said. He questioned the suitability of the present management to run the corporation.

Although Mr Tully's speech to the Radio Academy in Birmingham had been leaked, the 400 broadcasters and commentators in the audience were taken aback by its passion. They listened in silence for 45 minutes as Mr Tully took the most elegant of verbal sledgehammers to the twin pillars of the Birtist reforms — producer choice and bimedialism — in his perfectly clipped BBC tones. He received a five-minute ovation.

Senior managers who had been bused in to pack the audience immediately countered his emotional attack. Liz Forgan, managing director of BBC Radio, urged Mr Tully to consider "the other side" of the BBC story, which she said may be less clear from his base in India. The BBC could no longer ignore the expansion in broadcasting, with the introduction of cable and satellite television and the explosion of commercial radio.

Tully: sledgehammer in clipped tones

Mr Birt is expected to adopt a similar argument in his address to the Radio Academy this morning. He is ready to defend his innovative producer choice and the slimming down of the BBC staff and overheads, explaining that for years the BBC had resources that far exceeded even peak demand.

However, David Hatch, adviser to the director-general, conceded that Mr Tully had been right to suggest that the BBC should "investigate the pain" that the sweeping changes and cuts introduced by Mr Birt had caused among the staff.

Mr Tully emphasised that his rhetoric was not aimed personally at Mr Birt. He questioned the ideological "revolutionary speak" in vogue at the corporation. "My belief is that John Birt and those supporting him are too much 'today's men'. You only have to read the BBC's own communications to see that it's the prisoner of latest management speak."

He likened the emergence of a leadership cult around Mr Birt to a similar phenomenon in India. "Indira Gandhi became all-powerful, no-one dared to give her advice, let alone tell her what was wrong. In the corporation today there are too many managers who appear to be saying John Birt is the BBC and the BBC is John Birt." Mr Tully's remarks are likely to strike a chord with hundreds of BBC employees. Many have become disillusioned with the speed and rigour of Mr Birt's policies.

Mr Tully said that bimedialism, which requires staff to work in both radio and television, and producer choice, the new costings system, were stifling creative freedom. The policies smack of "social engineering" and created a climate of fear.

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Japan quake triggers Russian tidal waves

By Our Foreign Staff

THE Japanese government last night declared parts of Hokkaido a disaster zone as the earthquake death toll reached 70. At least 170 people are still missing.

The fiercest earthquake in 25 years, with its epicentre in the Sea of Japan, unleashed a catastrophic wave of fires and tidal waves that caused casualties as far away as the Russian coast. "We fear that as many as 200 people could have died," said Yukio Koshimori, a mayor on the northern island of Okushiri, which took the worst of the battering from the undersea quake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale.

The Russian Interfax news agency said a strong tidal wave hit northern parts of Russia's far eastern Primorsky Krai region yesterday. It is feared that there could be many victims as 10ft waves hit just after midnight, damaging fishing vessels and an oil pipeline.

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Fear of bankruptcy drove Lloyd's name to suicide

By Nicholas Watt

A SOLICITOR facing heavy losses at Lloyd's hanged himself after learning that he might be forced into bankruptcy, an inquest was told yesterday.

Harold Weston, 51, a member of a loss-making Gooda Walker syndicate, was found by Diana, his wife, hanging from a bannister at their home in Cricklewood, London, on April 2.

Mrs Weston told Hornsey Coroners' Court: "He was told he might have to go bankrupt and would not be able to practise as a solicitor. He said they asked for more and more money and that's when he started to sleep badly."

According to the Blue Book, which records members' interests at Lloyd's, Mr Weston was a member of nine syndicates, including number 290, run by Gooda Walker. As one of Lloyd's biggest losers the syndicate is facing losses of 150 per cent in 1990 alone.

A spokesman for Lloyd's said: "Syndicate 290 made the bulk of the losses in 1988 and 1989. It underwrote marine property and reinsured other Lloyd's syndicates."

Mr Weston's debts at Lloyd's now pass to his wife who said that it was "too painful" to discuss.

Dr Mary Archer, chairman of the Lloyd's Members' Hardship Committee, described the death as a great tragedy and said Mr Weston could have avoided the threat of bankruptcy. "He never applied to our scheme which is designed to avoid bankruptcy," she said. "It is a private arrangement and has no civil disabilities."

Mrs Weston said that her husband had spoken of killing himself, but had promised not to. However, on April 1, he took two sleeping tablets. "In the morning I saw him hanging from the bannister."

Recording a verdict of suicide, Dr Arnold Mendoza, the deputy coroner, said: "The loss of money was causing him considerable anxiety. He committed suicide and really, the story is quite definite."

Mr Weston is the fifth Lloyd's name to commit suicide since heavy losses were incurred.

Major supports plan for Sunday shopping

By Arthur Leathley

JOHN Major yesterday declared himself fully behind plans to scrap restrictions on Sunday shopping as the government disclosed proposals to reform trading laws.

The government yesterday published the four options from which MPs will choose a new law in a free vote. Choices range from total deregulation to proposals under which most shops would be prohibited from opening on Sunday and would face a fine of up to £50,000 for contravention.

The prime minister made clear that he supported Michael Howard, the home secretary, in pressing for shops in England and Wales to follow Scotland's lead. Downing Street said Mr Major "favours the maximum amount of choice for the public. The public are increasingly becoming used to shopping on Sunday and demand the convenience that offers."

Mr Howard yesterday described the current legislation as a mess. He took the rare step of publishing a draft bill well ahead of legislation, to ensure wide debate.

The other options include allowing large shops to open for only six hours on Sunday and allowing supermarkets to open only on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

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Wave of support: children of Sandilands school, Wythenshawe, show Juan Antonio Samaranch where they think the Olympics should go

Manchester fetes lord of the rings

THE president of the International Olympic Committee completed a marathon tour of Manchester yesterday and declared that the city had offered a "unique and wonderful" lesson in how to present a bid for the Olympic Games.

With the city buoyant at the news that it is now second favourite to Sydney to stage the 2000 Olympic Games, Juan Antonio Samaranch was subjected to a physical and mental decathlon as he visited the proposed venues ahead of the September decision.

Unfortunately, although the IOC's evaluation commission had reported that Manchester is likely to have rain on only three days during the Games — less than Sydney — being the middle of July, it was windy and there was a persistent drizzle.

Among his ports of call were Sandilands infants' school in Wythenshawe, one of 220 doing projects based on the Olympics, the town hall for a presentation, Salford Quays, the GMEX and other indoor centres. He was also taken on a helicopter trip.

Everywhere he was asked the same question: Will Manchester win? He smiled politely before replying: "That," he said, "is up to the IOC members."

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Creature from the black lagoon savages Labour

Jurassic Park has come to Westminster, as the education minister Robin Squire observed yesterday. Afficionados of the Lords and Commons will know that even in 1993 there are places where a wide range of prehistoric monsters thrive. They can be viewed in different habitats and enclosures. Some roam freely, others are confined to pens, paddocks and pits.

The Chamber of the Lords is undoubtedly the Jurassic pit. These monsters' big open-day is today. Creatures not sighted in decades are converging even as we speak, to discuss Maastricht. The whole Palace of Westminster rumbles as, down the corridor in their Lordships' House, things hatch, slumbering beasts awake and yawn, and sharp-toothed Tory whipadactyls wing their way around the voting lobbies in search of rebellious vertebrates. To this we return in tomorrow's *Times*.

But what of the Commons? With so much famous reptile activity among peers, it would be easy to forget that the Commons, too, is home to creatures long extinct in the world outside. Yesterday saw quite a number ranging across the green benches.

Take two Toryotrops as different as Conservatives can be: David Evans (C, Welwyn Hatfield) and Sir Anthony Grant (C, Cambridgeshire SW).

Evans is a Cockney made good: a big-hearted hanger and flogger. Evansodons used to be a common sight, particularly in the Essex marshes, stomping through the undergrowth of the petit-bourgeoisie. Their angry trumpeting echoed that of their near-relatives, the taxiderms.

Though elsewhere they are dying out, in the Commons paddock this specimen thrives. Yesterday's first outburst from the beast appeared to relate to the testing of teachers. It quickly turned into a rant about why socialists ("that lot over there") should wear L-plates around their necks. "Thank you," said the minister, gingerly, to the Evansodon, "for that endorsement of teacher appraisal."

It was only a warm-up for his second primeval roar, to the prime minister. This was meant to be about Mr Major's trip to Japan, but became another blast against that lot over there, particularly their leader. "E's *nuffink but* the wriggler from Monklands East," concluded the Evansodon, if Evansodons do conclude.

The Siranthonyatops is a wholly different Toryotrop. Tall and erect, with bristles above its upper lip, creatures like this once strolled the *savannahs of the haute-bourgeousie* right across southern England. Now just a few of them survive in semi-captivity in the Smoking Room at Westminster. Yesterday the Siranthonyatrops whinnied to education ministers that Cambridge dons deplored the undiscriminating way that first-class passes were being awarded, some of them by universities whose so-called graduates were scarcely worthy of the name.

But hark! A roar from the swamps of Bow and Poplar! It was "Mildred Gordon", the huge, shambling East End Trotskysaurus, survivor from another age. Gordon bellowed her opposition to schools testing: a formidable bellow which soon had the entire primeval element of the Labour party bellowing in support.

Toryotrops and Labordons barked and grunted. What prehistoric richness had we here! There is hardly time to tell you about the Brontasmithus which lumbered into PM's questions to chew the leaves concerning VAT on pensioners' heating bills.

Beware, grunted the Brontasmithus: the ice age cometh! He should know.

Tory candidate is undecided on VAT

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

ROB Hayward, the Conservative candidate in the Christchurch by-election, yesterday distanced himself from government policy by refusing to give unconditional backing to the imposition of value-added tax on domestic fuel bills.

As John Major hit back in the Commons against Labour and the Liberal Democrats over the issue dominating campaigning in a seat where the pensioner vote is critical, Mr Hayward was repeatedly pressed on how he would have voted in Monday night's division in the House, when a backbench rebellion cut the government majority to eight.

He would say only that he supported overall government economic strategy. He added he would not finally make up his mind on the issue until he had seen details of the planned compensation package for the less well-off, to be unveiled in the November Budget.

In the Commons, the prime minister defended himself against taunts from the opposition parties that he had betrayed election pledges by extending VAT to gas and electricity bills in the search for an extra £2.8 billion of revenue. Mr Major accused Labour and the Liberal Democrats of hypocrisy by insisting they had also advocated energy taxes in policy documents. Amid uproar in the House, the prime minister flung a copy of the current edition of *Labour Party News* across the dispatch box to John Smith, saying that the Labour leader did not know his own stance on the issue.

Mr Major said: "It asks the question in what ways can economic policy be developed to encourage environmental protection and it goes on to say you might consider taxation policy, e.g. an energy tax!"

□ *1992 general election: R J Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D Bussey (LD) 13,612; A Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J Barratt (NLP) 243; A Wareham (CRA) 175. C maj: 23,015.*

Hayward: refused to back government line

Water watchdog demands challenge to EC clean-up

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

■ **Ofwat warns that domestic water bills will rise by up to £100 if the government implements Brussels' 'utopian' standards**

BRUSSELS must be challenged over the scale and pace of its European water quality improvements to avoid bills in Britain rocketing, the water industry regulator urged yesterday.

The billions of pounds needed to meet existing and tightening rules on everything from sewage to pesticides meant millions of households faced bills up to 25 per cent higher, rising in some cases by up to £100.

Ian Byatt, director general of the Office of Water Services (Ofwat), said that large numbers of low income families faced lives without tap water as rising bills led to more disconnections.

Mr Byatt accused Brussels and environmentalists of setting utopian rather than realistic goals for EC tap and river water standards. Some of Europe's existing and planned obligations offered little or no tangible benefits for customers' health or the environment and were formulated by ideology rather than science, he said.

Mr Byatt urged environment ministers to go back to Brussels for revisions of some existing rules and a slowing of the timetable for improvements, particularly for pesticide removal and sewage treatment for inland rivers and estuaries.

Meeting EC rules on pesticide levels, for which Britain is facing legal action after breaching the existing drinking water directive, would cost £1 billion in new equipment and should be reconsidered.

Implementing the new directive on urban waste water treatment, which will require large numbers of inland sewage treatment works, will cost £10 billion.

Mr Byatt, who has sent his report to ministers, said it was vital that the timetable for implementation should be spread over ten rather than five years. New limits being considered by the commission for substances, including organic compounds and heavy metals such as lead, should be resisted until stringent costings had been made.

Ofwat's report was yesterday welcomed by Tim Yeo, the environment minister, and Jim Gardner, the chairman of Ofwat's national consumer council, who said consumers believed that the rest of Europe flouted EC directives. Mr Gardner said the consumers' view was that "these buggers in Europe won't pay for it so why should we".

Mr Yeo said the country and consumers could no longer afford gold-plated schemes. "We are determined the water companies should not go an inch further or a second faster than they have to for the purpose of complying with the directives. This report will stimulate a debate about the trade off between standards and price. If you want improvements in drinking water, bathing water and sewage there is a price tag attached."

Britain will hear today from the European Court of Justice if it is to be prosecuted for breaking the EC's bathing water directive. Environmentalists claim Britain will face more legal action if it attempts to scale back the commission's water laws, but Mr Yeo rejected these claims.

"It is a matter which can be dealt with by negotiation ... we expect there are other countries which may come to share our view but there will always be tension," he said.

Ofwat's study was attacked by environmentalists who accused the regulator of recommending a polluter's charter. Liana Stupples, of Friends of the Earth, said: "Mr Byatt is using legitimate public concern about rocketing water bills as an excuse to attack the legal standards for drinking water while letting polluters off the hook."

Chris Smith, the shadow environmental protection spokesman, said the funding for improvements should be met by the producers of pollution, including factories and agriculture, and more from water company profits.

The National Rivers Authority, whose chairman Lord Crickhowell has accused Ofwat of orchestrating a misleading debate, said it feared some rivers would suffer if ministers backed the regulator's calls.

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Hospital surgeons run cartel on fees

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITAL consultants who do private work are restricting competition by operating a cartel for the setting of private fees, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has decided.

It says they are benefiting from a "complex monopoly situation" by setting their fees according to tariffs rather than competing openly in the market.

The tariffs are published by the British Medical Association and the main private medicine groups as guidelines to consultants on what they should charge.

The enquiry was set up last September in response to concern that doctors' earnings from private practice were too high.

About 12,000 of Britain's 19,000 consultants do some private work, with the top 1,200 earning about £200,000 a year as well as their National Health Service salaries.

The BMA guidelines cover 1,500 procedures from removal of a wisdom tooth (fee £310) to a liver transplant (surgeon's fee £5,825, anaesthetist's fee £2,330). Average fees are 60 per cent higher than in America and 170 per cent more than in France.

Medical insurers have argued that the high fees charged by consultants, which account for a third of private medical care costs, are keeping premiums high and holding back growth of the private sector.

"We are delighted with the commission's finding," said a spokesman for Norwich Union Health Care. "Premiums could well come down by 20 per cent if there were competition among consultants."

Major rejects 'trendy theories' on adoption

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major intervened in the dispute over the handling of adoption cases yesterday with an attack on "trendy social theories" and a clear indication that he opposes charging for adoption if it would deter potentially suitable parents.

He declared in the Commons that there would be "no houseroom for political correctness" in the government's new policy on adoptions and fostering.

Mr Major followed Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, in criticising the behaviour of some social workers.

Although a white paper to be published soon may mean some couples being charged up to £1,500 to adopt a child, charging must not stand in the way of good parents being allowed to adopt, and local authorities must use their discretion in such cases not to charge. Mr Major said last night: "I am not interested in trendy social theories. I am interested in good homes for needy kids. The white paper on adoption will reflect that."

No Sunday protection for workers

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the agenda of the next session. The new law will not be in force in time for the run-up to Christmas, when controversy surrounding Sunday trading reaches its height.

Announcing his plans, Mr Howard said that, if there were no majority for any single option, the government would look at introducing further parliamentary procedures to change the law.

He also rejected calls to protect all shopworkers who refuse to work on Sundays. The legislation would give employees a choice of whether they want to work on Sundays up to the point that new law is passed. It would also enable employees who have already agreed to work on Sundays to reconsider their position. However, Mr Howard said that those taking a job after the new law would have to decide whether or not they wanted to enter into a contract requiring Sunday working.

Although MPs will be given a free vote on the four options, Mr Howard made clear that the government would expect support on the issue of employee protection.

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CORRECTION

Our report of changes in the BBC's news line-up (July 8) should have stated that Anna Ford continues as one of two lead presenters of the *Six O'Clock News* and that Michael Buerk's position is also unchanged. He will alternate as solo presenter of the *Nine O'Clock News* on an equal basis with Peter Sissons.

Turkey promises to help hostage pair

Erdal Inonu, the Turkish deputy prime minister, yesterday promised that his country would try hard to secure the release of the British engineer and his Australian cousin who were kidnapped in eastern Turkey last week. He told Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that the couple's safety was paramount. Mr Hurd praised Turkey's "prompt and extensive assistance".

Kurdish separatists holding David Rowbottom, 27, and Tania Miller, 28, said that they would release them if the Turkish forces stopped air and ground operations against the People's Liberation Army of Kurdistan. They also called on the Red Cross and international medical organisations to mediate and escort the two safely from the region.

Commander Ebubekir, a guerrilla leader, was quoted by the Kurdistan information centre in London as saying that his men would like to release the pair, but could not do so because of the danger to their lives from the intensive military operations of the Turkish army.

Bernstein leaves £6.7m

Lord Bernstein, the former head of Granada Television, left his extensive art collection to two museums in his £6.7 million will published yesterday. The drawings, paintings and sculptures will be divided equally between the City Art Gallery, Manchester, and Israel's Jerusalem Foundation.

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Airgun killed boy of 5

A boy aged 5 who loved cowboy games and guns died when he was accidentally shot in the head by his 16-year-old uncle's air rifle as they were playing cowboys at his grandmother's house, an inquest was told yesterday. Dr Douglas Chambers, the coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death on Lee O'Brien, of Croydon, south London.

Lift attack man dies

A grandfather died yesterday, a week after being beaten up and robbed of his car keys by youths in a lift. The youths set about Fred Carter, 64, as he took the lift to his flat in a block in New Cross, southeast London, after he held the lift door open for them. They started kicking and punching him as the lift went up, then took his cars keys and fled.

Jury told of Irish views

An Englishman accused of storing Semtex explosives and bomb equipment made no secret of his support for a united Ireland, a colleague told the Old Bailey yesterday. Vincent Wood, 29, from east London, has denied conspiracy to cause explosions and possession of explosives with intent to endanger life or damage property. The trial continues today.

Prison doctor charged

A prison doctor was yesterday charged with manslaughter after an inmate died in a medical wing. Terrence Smyth, 22, who was sentenced to six years for robbery in May last year, died at Elmley Prison on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, on March 23. Dr Leonard Cook, of Sheerness, will appear before Sittingbourne magistrates on August 9.

Bishop backs vicar jailed for abusing girl 20 years ago

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A CHURCH of England bishop has criticised as "unjust and inappropriate" the jailing of a close adviser for sexually abusing a teenage girl 20 years ago.

Patrick Dennis, a vicar who is ecumenical adviser to the Right Rev David Lunn, the Bishop of Sheffield, was jailed for four months yesterday after admitting indecently assaulting the girl over a two-year period, beginning when she was 14. The attacks came to light when the girl, now aged 34, went to police after publicity over a child abuse case last year.

After the hearing at Bedlington, Northumberland, Dr Lunn said in a statement: "I greatly regret all the hurt that has come from these events, but I do not believe that a sentence of imprisonment was just or appropriate." He said that the future of Dennis, who has been his adviser for 11 years, rested with the Archbishop of York. "My own belief is that it would be a sad waste of his many gifts if he could not continue to serve in some capacity as a minister of the church, but of course those decisions now rest in the future."

Dennis, 48, who has been rector of Braithwell, South Yorkshire, since 1991, admitted a series of indecent assaults between February 1973 and August 1975 when he was curate of St Mary the Virgin in Ponteland, Northumberland. He was married with two young children at the time.

Harold Dodds, the presiding magistrate, rejected a plea from Tim Parkin, for the defence, that Dennis had led a blameless life for the last 20 years and should be entitled to the same mercy as a layman. Mr Dodds said he had blatantly betrayed a special trust. He had been held in high esteem in the community where he captained the rugby club and was a member of the amateur dramatics group.

Dr Lunn: "I greatly regret all the hurt"

At least two of the incidents had taken place in the girl's home, once while her mother was in another part of the house. "In those circumstances, only a custodial sentence is appropriate."

Gerry Sydenham, for the prosecution, said Dennis had met the girl through the church youth club. He visited her home regularly for tea with her parents. "She has been caused a huge amount of distress over a long period and is still now coming to terms with the consequences of his actions to her."

The victim told the court: "At the time I was a very confused young teenager who was sexually aware, but I knew it should not be with a priest." She said he would touch and fondle her and lie on top of her, simulating intercourse. "One minute he was doing all this to me and the next I was standing at the altar rail with his wife and children."

Dennis' wife Claire broke down in tears at the sentence. After the hearing, she said: "I and my children are profoundly shocked by the sentence passed on my husband. We continue to support him in every way."

Road takes strain as Euro train hitches lift

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A £28 MILLION train destined to speed Britain into the next century caused traffic hold-ups yesterday when it made an undignified entrance into the country on the back of a lorry.

The shark-nosed Eurostar train, which will one day speed passengers from London to Paris in two and a half hours, yesterday was borne at only snail's pace on a low loader towards the Birmingham workshops of Metro-Cammell to be made rail-worthy.

After arriving by ferry at Dover, the train which will be capable of 180mph, had to make the journey by road because the bend in the rails at Dover docks is so acute that the engine, at 100 ft, would have been derailed.

Faced with at least 30 more such journeys, the residents of Dover have already started writing angry letters about the chaos the operation is causing as the giant trundles past their homes.

Motorists on the Medway bridge and the Dartford crossing came to a halt as the load took up the entire road. Other tailbacks occurred on its 180-mile crawl from Kent, thorugh Surrey towards the Midlands as motorists slowed down to witness the sight. Flanked by police escorts, the 80-tonne load could reach a maximum of 35mph even on the M1.

A Surrey police spokesman said: "It is an odd sight seeing one of the fastest trains in the world crawling along on the back of a lorry."

The slow progress probably caused amusement to President Mitterrand who recently delivered a mild rebuke to Britain over its slow progress in building the Channel tunnel rail link.

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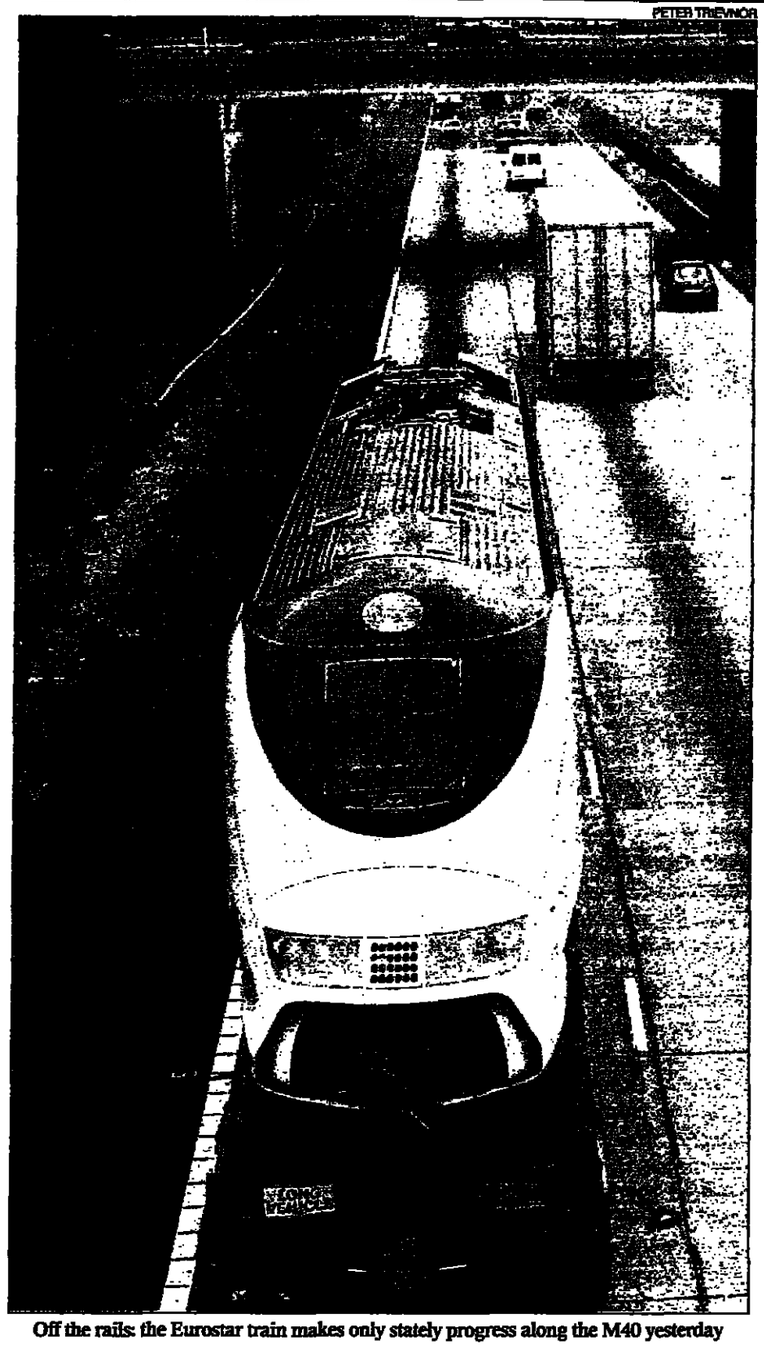

Off the rails: the Eurostar train makes only stately progress along the M40 yesterday

Teacher 'sacked for stressing three Rs'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEACHER who claimed he was sacked because he used traditional three Rs methods yesterday told a tribunal his new "modern" headmaster ordered that dictionaries, Bibles and atlases be thrown into a skip.

Jack Smith, 60, was fired from New Milton Junior School, Hampshire, in April last year for alleged professional incompetence. He claimed that his dismissal after 13 years came because his views on education clashed with the school's new head teacher, John Crisp.

Mr Smith told the tribunal at Southampton yesterday that Mr Crisp ordered a skip shortly after his arrival. Mr Smith said: "Books, Bibles, atlases and globes were all thrown out. Mr Crisp said 80 dictionaries had to go to the tip, but I tried to save them. There were 370 other books in the classroom. He wanted me to get rid of them, so I gave them to the children."

He said he always set homework for his class even though it was left up to individual teachers to do so. "On the first day of school I would write to parents and tell them that I intended to give it and 99 per cent of them were in favour. I would set them 10 questions a night, even though the headmaster only wanted me to give them one question."

Mr Smith, a teacher for 25 years, said he clashed with the new head shortly after he took over at the school. "Crisp criticised me all the time. He was in my classroom every day asking me what my aims and objectives were."

The schoolmaster said that after Mr Crisp took over, Christmas was "watered down", classroom Christmas parties no longer took place, there was no nativity scene and the children stopped going to church. "I think children should go to church at least once a term. All we had after he took over was a Christmas tree."

Mr Smith said he was a strong advocate of times tables. "Mr Crisp told me that it did not fit in with the national curriculum and I was breaking the law by teaching them their eight times table.

"Crisp started to criticise me very early on. He talked a lot of jargon and airy-fairy language but I could never pin him down on anything.

"Instead of sitting the children in rows, Mr Crisp wanted them sat in groups. I tried sitting them in groups with some of them with their backs to me but I found the standard of education was dropping, so I went back to straight rows."

Mr Smith accused Mr Crisp of introducing "trendy teaching methods in a dogmatic and dictorial style".

The tribunal continues.

Teenage vandal cleared of murder

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER who stabbed to death a man who saw him slashing car tyres whooped with delight yesterday when he was cleared of murder and manslaughter.

To gasps of shock from the public gallery, a jury at the Central Criminal Court acquitted Joseph Elliott, 19, of Streatham, south London. He had taken drink and drugs, and claimed that he acted in self-defence when Mr Osborne approached him with a hammer last December.

Robert Osborne, 41, a musician, gave chase after seeing Mr Elliott slash his neighbours' car tyres. His wife, Diana, 38, left court crying. She said: "This has broken the whole family. How can this happen? He was the kindest man I ever met."

Det Insp Frank Sole said afterwards: "I am stunned. I just do not think the verdict is right. To think you can do that and walk away is absolutely dreadful."

Anne Rafferty QC, for the prosecution, said Mr and Mrs Osborne were watching a lunar eclipse from their garden when they heard Mr Elliott slashing car tyres.

They gave chase until Mrs Osborne suggested calling the police, but her husband said it was pointless because they would not come. He armed himself with a hammer and went back to the council estate where his wife had last seen Mr Elliott.

After a confrontation on a balcony, it was alleged that Mr Elliott leaned over the balcony and shouted to Mrs Osborne: "I'll do you like I've just done your old man." Her husband then collapsed and died shortly afterwards in hospital.

Mr Elliott, who has previous convictions including arson, theft and robbery, admitted vandalising cars on the estate. But he said he did not mean to hurt Mr Osborne and panicked when he threatened him with the hammer. "I did not mean to hurt him. I was frightened," he told the court.

Struck-off lawyer stole 'millions'

BY FRANCES GIBB,
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE former head of one of the biggest law firms in the South East, has cost the Law Society compensation fund £3.6 million and claims of up to £6 million are pending.

Graham Durnford Ford, 50, whose dishonest conduct was described by the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal as of "massive proportions", has also been held bankrupt with potential liabilities of £7.2m.

But the tribunal, which struck-off the self-styled "visionary" solicitor yesterday after saying he was a "disgrace" to his profession, said it had been told it was too early to predict what the final shortage of funds would be.

Mr Durnford Ford resigned in June last year after an investigation was launched into his former firm, Durnford Ford in Hastings, East Sussex. His dishonesty involved fictitious billing of clients and was to be counted in millions of pounds, the tribunal in London said.

Russian road-hog tries to ram royal car

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

SHOTS were fired when a car tried to intercept the Princess Royal's convoy as it drove though Moscow last Saturday, it was disclosed yesterday. But the incident appears to have been not so much an attempt on her life as a demonstration of Russian road etiquette.

The princess, accompanied by her husband Commander Tim Laurence, was being driven to the airport in the early morning to begin a visit to republics of the former Soviet Union. At a busy intersection on the outer ring road, a light beige Zhiguli saloon with no number plates sped in from the side and cut into the motorcade near the large black Zil limousine bearing the princess.

Police shouted at the intruder through a loudhailer, but the Zhiguli took no notice. Police then fired shots at its tyres and the car made off in the direction of St Petersburg before police could apprehend the driver.

The incident came to light in the Moscow newspaper *Commersant* yesterday, under the laconic headline: "Attempt to battery-ram Princess Anne's car."

The newspaper did not know who the assailant was, identifying him only as "a person from the Caucasus". Muscovites will interpret such a description as deeply pejorative. The princess doubtless had a fleeting vision of the attempt on her life in The Mall in 1974, when her car was stopped by a would-be assailant who fired several shots and wounded her detective, James Beaton.

A spokesman for Moscow's notoriously inefficient traffic department said yesterday that the attack was no slur on the princess's popularity in Moscow. "It is almost certain that the driver intended to attack a high official from our country, not yours," he said.

Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday that a car had tried to cross the royal convoy, but had been well behind the princess's limousine and had not tried to ram it. In Moscow, a British embassy official said there had never been any danger to the princess, her husband, or anyone else in the convoy.

"People drive here in ways that would boggle your mind. They have absolutely no idea of lane discipline, and somebody weaving in and out of convoys is no big deal. He may have been curious to see who was in the Zil. The fact that the police fired a shot did not make it a serious incident," the official said.

Since leaving Moscow, the royal couple have been enjoying more civilised driving conditions, by horse and camel, in the emptiness of Mongolia.

Boulevard enchants eye and ear

IF we are debating the merits of musicals about Hollywood, I must admit to a preference for *City of Angels*, whose premature closure was announced yesterday. It has a wit and sophistication some way beyond *Sunset Boulevard*, which opened on Monday night at the Adelphi with an advance of zillions. But, not surprisingly, Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest has its music too. It is often gorgeous to look at, sometimes enchanting to hear, and, more than most of his works, merits the century-long run it may well achieve.

Sunset Boulevard is not charabanc chic, like *Starlight Express* or the over-blown revival of *Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat*. The obvious comparison is with *Phantom of the Opera*, a more serious, more imposing and in every sense more haunting musical. Once again the protagonist is an egomaniac, lovelorn and murderous, recluse who glides down vast staircases like a long-forgotten ghost. It could even be said that Patti LuPone, who plays her, is half-masked — though she opts for dark glasses, powder and Hollywood warpaint rather than a porcelain visor.

Sunset Boulevard

First Night

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Don Black and Christopher Hampton's book is absorbing stuff, as it should be, since it sticks very closely to Billy Wilder's movie: situations, one-liners and all. Kevin Anderson plays Joe Gillis, a writer down at his heels and on his luck. He is more affable, more rumpled and less cynical than William Holden in the film, but never the least bland. And LuPone is Norma Desmond, the silent-screen star ("I am big, it's the pictures that have got small") whose screenwriter, support, lover and creature he successively becomes.

Their doomed affair is the main business of the evening, interspersed with snippets from Anderson's far skimpier romance with an aspiring writer pertly played by Meredith Braun. LuPone would seem too young and appealing for the Gloria Swanson role. But she combines pride and scornful charisma with a vulnerability that actress missed. The impression is of a majestic waif, yearning for a comeback she knows in her heart is impossible; and at the end, when the performer's gold turban and red wig give way to a balding scalp, she achieves genuine pathos.

Trevor Nunn, who directs, and John Napier, who designs, have a long history of collaboration; but have they ever come up with a more striking setting than the mighty Desmond pad? It is a wonderfully elaborate jumble of Tutankhamun rococo, a glistening mix of banisters, candles, organ-pipes, cork-screw arches and exotic fretwork. The scene in which a suicidal LuPone paces her gaudy wilderness, while film people in Californian garb glibly salute the New Year, says more about loneliness and failure than all Black and Hampton's lyrics, capable though they are.

And Lloyd Webber's score? Some of the linking passages have a staccato, tum-ti-ti-tum predictability; but there are more attractive melodies here than in any other of his musicals to date. Listen to LuPone singing "With One Look" or "New Ways to Dream" with that wistful clarity of hers. For all its excellences, *City of Angels* cannot match that.

This review appeared in later editions of The Times *yesterday.*

Box office overrides critics' mixed views

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

YESTERDAY's first-night reviews of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Boulevard* were a mixed bag, with judgements ranging from "pedestrian and drab" to genuinely triumphant. Sir Andrew does not care what they say: he need not worry — box-office success in London is guaranteed, with millions of pounds in ticket sales already.

But with news that another West End musical, *Elegies for Angels, Punks and Raging Queens* at the Criterion, is to close after less than a month, the reviewers are more powerful than ever before. Frank Rich, theatre critic for *The New York Times*, was keeping his verdict close to his chest. His review *will* have an effect on the show's success when it opens in America, and he was keen to read the British critics.

Those who had misgivings concede that the dramatic intensity picked up in the second half. "The show resurrects itself to heights of genuine triumph," according to Jack Tinker in the *Daily Mail*.

Charles Spencer, of *The Daily Telegraph*, goes further: "For the first half it looked as though Andrew Lloyd Webber might have an artistic flop ... Right up to the interval *Sunset Boulevard* repeatedly failed to catch fire." But Lloyd Webber's flair sets the show alight, creating a climactic final scene. Maureen Paton, of the *Daily Express*, says the music disappoints in hummability terms. Nicholas de Jongh, for the *London Evening Standard*, says it contains only two memorable numbers.

The direction is praised for its technical achievement, and condemned for its lack of pace. Mr Tinker writes: "That the result seems something less than the sum of so many glowing parts is due mainly to a loss of strong focus on the part of director Trevor Nunn."

The critics happily agree on two star points: a stunning performance from Patti LuPone, and the lavishly baroque central set by John Napier.

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Stress forces more teachers to take early retirement

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CLASSROOM stress and a continuing squeeze on budgets are the prime causes of a sharp rise in early retirements among teachers since the start of the 1980s, a head teachers' association reports today.

Early retirements due to ill-health have almost trebled in the past 14 years, according to figures provided by the Teachers' Pensions Agency. Over the same period, the number leaving the profession in efficiency drives before the age of 60 has leapt by 450 per cent.

In the last year, more than 12,000 teachers have taken early retirement in the interests of efficiency or have been made redundant: in 1979-80, the figure was fewer than 3,500. The proportion of teachers serving to the normal retirement age has dropped from 57 per cent to 20 per cent.

David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), which is publishing the figures, said that the scale of early retirement was deeply disturbing. "The non-stop pace of reform and the strain placed on school budgets is taking far too heavy a toll of experienced staff that schools can ill-afford to lose.

"These are urgent messages, not least for the government, which has presided over a deteriorating situation and which is largely responsible for the present fragile state of the education service, not least in the crucial areas of teacher retention, motivation and morale." A recent survey in Cleveland showed that one in six teachers had been absent at some time during the year because of stress-related illness and the same proportion had also sought professional help. Almost half of the teachers in the county's survey felt that the stress of their job had increased since 1991-92.

The most prominent cause was the amount of change in the education system. Pupils' behaviour, which had been the main concern in previous surveys, had been relegated to third place. A similar survey in the Grampian district of Scotland found even higher levels of stress: it also placed much of the blame on educational change.

The authority's education psychologists reported that more than a third of primary teachers were suffering from occupational stress, exhibiting signs of tension and an inability to relax after work.

Hart: criticised pace of "non-stop reform"

John Patten, the education secretary, has acknowledged that the pace of change in schools is putting extra pressure on teachers and has promised a period of stability. But he warned the association last month that the curriculum would be subject to further evolution, beginning with the changes that will flow from Sir Ron Dearing's review, which is due to be published at the end of the year.

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, said: "These statistics provide alarming confirmation of what we all know from our own experience. Some of our most conscientious teachers are leaving education, and the government's failure to listen to the concern of parents, governors and teachers only makes matters worse."

Alan Parker, the education officer of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said that many redundancies were the result of local reorganisation designed to cut out surplus school places. With the school population beginning to rise again, the scale of job losses should drop, unless there was a new squeeze on school budgets.

The National Union of Teachers, which cited increasing levels of stress when making its last pay claim, said that its members were being forced out by budget cuts and disillusionment.

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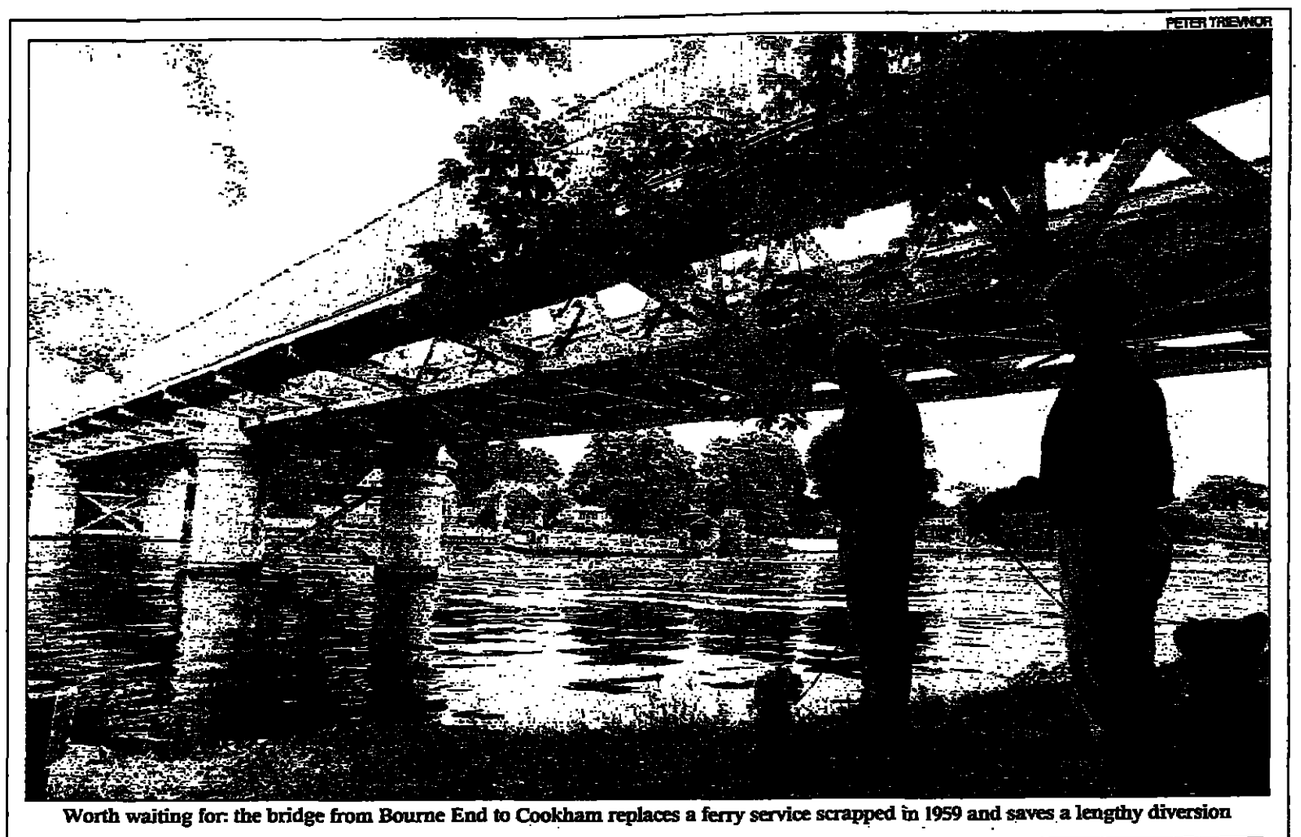


Worth waiting for: the bridge from Bourne End to Cookham replaces a ferry service scrapped in 1959 and saves a lengthy diversion

Gap in Thames path is bridged at last

BY NICHOLAS WATT

WALKERS using the Thames path will welcome today's opening of a footbridge across the river which, after 34 years, ends the need for a diversion of two and a half miles.

The £205,000 bridge was funded by the Countryside Commission and is an extension of a rail bridge linking Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, and Cookham, Berkshire. It replaces a ferry service withdrawn in 1959.

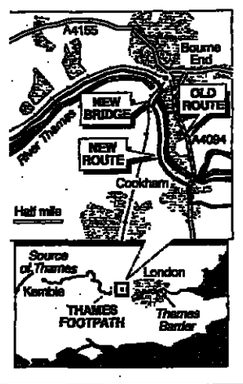
Margaret Bowdery, secretary of the East Berkshire Ramblers' Association, who has been walking in the area for nearly 30 years, said: "This is going to make a tremendous difference. It cuts out a long dangerous section of road which locals avoided for years by risking their lives to walk across the railway bridge."

Walkers would not be the only group to benefit from the crossing, Mrs Bowdery said. Others included fishermen, boaters, residents and "those who just enjoy visiting the countryside".

Sir John Johnson, chairman of the Countryside Commission who will open the footbridge today, said: "We are delighted that this important new link in the Thames Path National Trail is complete. Now people can walk in safety from Marlow to Cookham."

The 215-mile Thames path, which stretches from the source of the river in Gloucestershire to the flood barrier at Charlton in east London, is due to be finished in 1995.

A commission report today shows overwhelming public support for the path. In a survey of 1,004 people living near the river, 97 per cent said they were in favour of the path and 75 per cent had used it at some point.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Man denies murder of barmaid

A barmaid who allowed a prisoner on home leave to stay with her may have already been dead when he tied a ligature around her neck, a jury was told.

A pathologist told Winchester Crown Court that Jayne Harvell, 26, may have died from asphyxiation caused by being hit with a frying pan. Malcolm Smith, 41, has denied murdering Miss Harvell last summer in Bournemouth. The trial continues.

Shotgun death

Michael Stubbs, 48, a farmworker from Swayfield, Lincolnshire, died after a shotgun fired accidentally inside a car and the blast went through the door into his stomach.

JP stole

John Angus, 39, a magistrate from Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, was given a four-month suspended prison sentence after admitting stealing £1,400 from his scout group.

DIY blaze

Eight neighbours and Norman Baker, 65, were made homeless when he set fire to their flats in Hill Head, Hampshire, while stripping paint with a blowlamp.

School burns

Teachers gave first aid to a roofer who suffered 20 per cent burns after spilling a bucket of bitumen at a school in Dudley, West Midlands.

Unlucky strike

Firemen called to South Wing Hospital, Bedford, used cutting gear to help a girl aged 12 who had a thumb stuck in a ten-pin bowling ball.

Plastic peril of scrapped vehicles threatens to overwhelm Britain

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is in danger of being engulfed by millions of tonnes of waste from scrapped cars, according to a report published yesterday.

Euromotor Reports, the leading City analysts, want a United Nations commission, similar to that which operates in the nuclear industry, to oversee the worldwide recycling and dismantling of cars.

They say urgent action is needed to force car-makers to co-operate to stem the rapid increase in the use of materials, particularly plastics, which have to be dumped in landfill sites.

Karl Ludvigsen, Euromotor managing director, said: "We call most urgently for a summit meeting of the car-maker associations of America, Japan, Europe and South Korea to review the situation and take action. The car-makers are tough competitors, but co-operation between them is essential."

The report predicts that by 2010, one year's plastics from vehicles worldwide — such as those used in dashboards, seats and fuel tanks — will form a mountain of waste equivalent to the entire tonnage of about eight million cars scrapped in the 1950s.

About two million vehicles were scrapped in Britain in 1990, which left 700,000 tonnes of waste from shredders: of that, 100,000 tonnes was plastic, which was mostly disposed of in dumps.

Car-makers have found themselves in an environmental trap, using more plastics to save weight, increase fuel economy and thus cut tailpipe emissions.

From making up 2 per cent of a car's weight 50 years ago, about 100 different types of plastics now account for 12 per cent and Euromotor estimates that the amount of plastic residue will double before the end of this century.

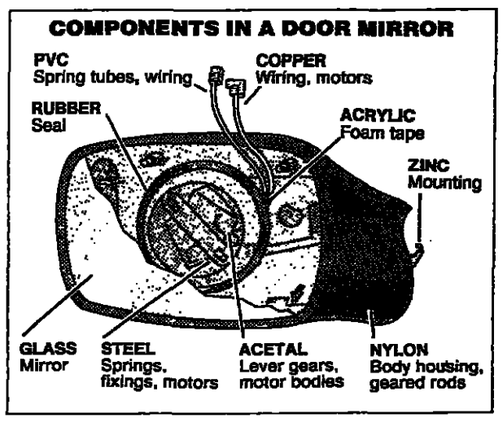
Waste materials can only be recycled if they are recovered at the scrap stage and Euromotor wants the commissioning of hundreds of dismantling centres capable of stripping cars into their usable components.

Designers are already working on cars for sale in ten years' time and the report says the message on using plastics only where essential has to be fed back to manufacturers. "Cars being designed today, new models which will join the waste stream 20 years from now, must be significantly easier to recycle and must contain a markedly high proportion of recycled material."

With landfill sites running out and fears growing over the potential contamination caused by some plastics, Euromotor urges rapid government action so that the best environmental plan can be drawn up. That could include tax incentives for companies to start incineration sites, burning off plastic components to provide electricity.

Euromotor says: "Europe desperately needs to find the 17 per cent solution, the right way to deal with the 17 per cent of automobile waste which is not readily recyclable."

COMPONENTS IN A DOOR MIRROR



Police give clues to stolen cars

BY RONALD FAUX

POLICE in Manchester, where car crime cost £54 million last year and buyers were unwittingly duped out of more than £3 million, published advice yesterday on how to spot a stolen vehicle.

A leaflet called "The Car Buyer's Guide" gave a check list which anyone tempted by a private bargain should run through before parting with money. Det Insp Ken Caldwell, of the Greater Manchester police stolen vehicle squad, said organised gangs were stealing to order and underworld contacts could provide unscrupulous buyers with a £25,000 Range Rover for £5,000. The 57,880 cars stolen in Manchester accounted for a quarter of all car crime in Britain last year.

Buyers are advised to strike the deal at the seller's home; see the vehicle during the day; avoid "between 5pm and 6pm" adverts which could relate to a public call box; check whether the registration number seems newer than the car; look for dealer stickers and check whether the engine and registration numbers match.

Cervantes endures new tilt at old literary windmill

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

FRANCIS Bacon was not only the author of Shakespeare's plays, but also wrote *Don Quixote*, the greatest novel in the Spanish language, according to a forthcoming book by an Elizabethan scholar.

The claim that Bacon and Shakespeare were one and the same is a familiar and largely discredited one, but the suggestion that he was also Cervantes is a new tilt at an old literary windmill.

Bacon and Shakespeare scholars alike rejected the claims yesterday, but the book, *Who wrote Don Quixote?*, by Francis Carr, an historian and unorthodox Shakespeare scholar, will add fuel to the current authorship controversy over the supposed discovery of a new Shakespeare play by an American documents expert.

Mr Carr, of the Shakespeare Authorship Information Centre in Brighton, has made a comparative study of plays by Shakespeare, the Bacon notebook in the British Library, compiled in 1594-5, and the translation of *Don Quixote* by Thomas Shelton, published in 1612. He claims to have discovered more than 30 phrases in all three which coincide exactly.

"At night all cats are grey" in Shelton is echoed in Bacon and Shakespeare, for example. Other coincidences include "revealing day through every cranny spies" in *The Rape of Lucrece*: Bacon's version is "revealing day through every cranny peepes"; and the Shelton is similar.

Mr Carr says these were not "*stock-in-trade*" *phrases* because, in 30 years of searching, he has been unable to find them in other Elizabethan plays. Mr Carr concludes that the same man was author of all three. "There are over 1,600 phrases in Bacon's notebook and lots of them are in Shakespeare's plays. It would be a coincidence if these turned up in Shelton once or twice, but not to this extent. The phrases show a genius which could not be imitated."

Mr Carr also believes the English *Don Quixote* came first. In a plot to cover Bacon's tracks, the manuscript was translated into Spanish and attributed to Cervantes.

Bacon needed a disguise, Mr Carr maintains, because he was the illegitimate son of Queen Elizabeth I. More than 35 times within the novel, Cervantes refers to the "real" author, naming him as Sid Hamet Benengeli. Mr Carr said: "Sid means lord in Arabic, ben means son, and engeli probably means 'of England'."

But Mr Carr's theories have been ridiculed by orthodox scholars. Peter Beale, a Sotheby's expert, said: "Bacon collected proverbs and aphorisms as examples of excellent wit. It was a derivative and imitative literature."

Shakespeare: the man of La Mancha?

Burgers buy the East End a school for truants

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

A CLASH of cultures resounded through the first British school to be named after an international fast food chain at yesterday's opening of the Burger King Academy on the Isle of Dogs in London Docklands.

Martyn Lewis, the BBC newscaster, heralded the good news of an American-style partnership between the hamburger company, representing business, and Tower Hamlets education authority, public sector recipients of a £50,000 cheque to renovate a building in which to teach teenage truants. He was aided by an endorsement from a 17-year-old American rescued from the mean streets of Miami by a Florida project on which the British scheme is modelled.

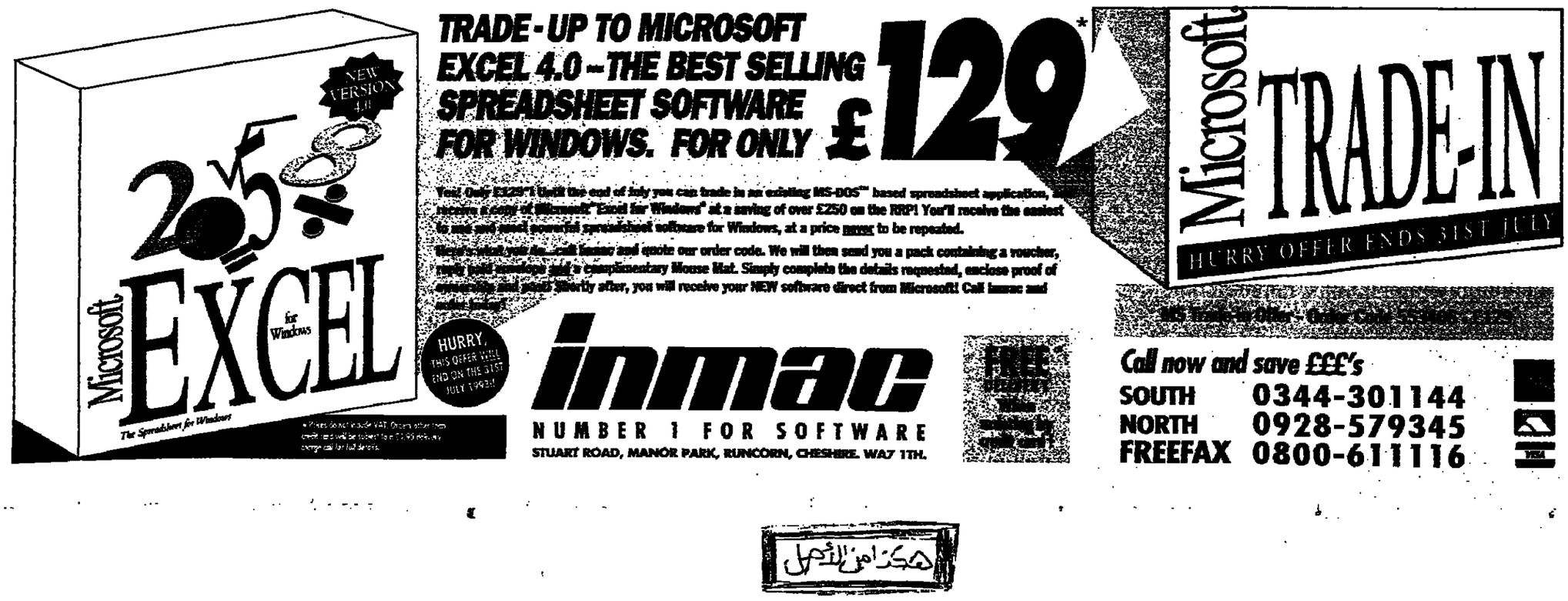
Nigil Wright, whose smile revealed a gold front tooth decorated with a white heart, said: "The academy showed me my many talents. I am a great speaker, a great leader and a great writer, at times. Students really feel that staff members care for them and really love them." The former high school drop-out, flown in for the opening, now intends to be a doctor and part-time playwright.

It was an earnest Dutch journalist who brought the launch to a halt by asking what the state education system had come to when it relied on hamburger money to provide facilities.

Anne Sofer, chief education officer for Tower Hamlets, took up the challenge. "I am a trustee of the Nuffield Foundation, which made its money out of cars. If it is appropriate for Nuffield to donate laboratories to ancient universities, then I can't see why it is not appropriate for Burger King to give money to help children at risk in school."

Tower Hamlets receives the one-off cheque plus £10,000 a year to supplement the academy's £250,000 running costs. About two dozen 15 and 16-year-olds who have dropped out of mainstream schools will receive intensive tuition for their GCSE examinations in plush new surroundings.

Ms Sofer made clear that they would not be rewarded for attendance by the offer of free hamburgers, an innovation in by one of the 26 Burger King academies in America. "I do not think that is appropriate here."



Synod averts big defections to Rome over women priests

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

■ Anglican bishops meeting in York gave a warm welcome to measures designed to placate traditionalists among the clergy

SCHISM in the Church of England was averted yesterday when the General Synod of the Church of England gave an unexpectedly warm welcome to far-reaching concessions for opponents of women priests.

The prospect of widespread defections to the Roman Catholic Church receded after the synod, meeting in York, backed an "act of synod" which makes provisions for opponents to stay within the church.

The two-hour debate, the first opportunity to gauge the wider response to plans for three new bishops, "provincial episcopal visitors", lacked the acrimony of previous debates on women priests. The synod is expected formally to approve the act when it meets again in November.

The act will have moral but not legal authority, and some opponents still believe their future in the church will only be guaranteed if the act is enshrined in legislation. But legislation is unlikely, and the act of synod is a concession which marks a sea-change in the church, from a position where many supporters of women priests felt opponents should either accept their ministry or leave.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, said: "I hope that the very enthusiastic welcome given by the synod to the bishops' proposals will encourage the majority of clergy to see that they really have a future in the Church of England."

The Rev Peter Geldard, chairman of the synod's Catholic Group, said many opponents had already left quietly. He predicted that up to 250 clergy would still try to become Roman Catholic priests. "If the Roman option starts to work in practice, over four or five years it could become more attractive."

Mr Geldard accused the Church of England of shifting in a "clear Protestant direction". He said the lessons from Canada and the United States, where women have been ordained for many years, were that the pressure on the minority group of opponents would grow.

But the consensus behind the scenes as the synod ended yesterday was that most opponents would decide to stay in the church in the breathing space gained by yesterday's welcome.

Financial pressures are thought to have contributed to the bishops' willingness to go so far to accommodate opponents. However, many women are angered at what they see as a betrayal of last November's vote to ordain them priests.

Dr Habgood said the bishops had leant over backwards for opponents. He told the synod: "The popular fantasy is of bishops sitting around twiddling their thumbs, desperately trying to put together something that the chaps might buy. I hope that image has been dispelled."

Dr Habgood said there had been loose talk about "cobbling together compromises, fudging the issues". Living in unity while respecting differences was not easy.

"The majority who rejoice in this legislation have to recognise that there are both catholics and evangelicals who feel deeply threatened by it." He added that no one could guarantee particular ordinands would be accepted or senior appointments made. "The most anybody can say is that there will be no discrimination."

The creation of three new episcopal sees would entail some cost but was "enormously cheaper" than having to meet the cost of clergy who might otherwise seek financial compensation and leave.

The tone of the ensuing debate was set when the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Ven David Silk, who led the opposition to women priests at the synod last November, backed the act. The church's mission need not be soured by the decision to ordain women, he said. "Here we have the opportunity to live together."

The Bishop of Salisbury, Dr John Baker, said he could not support the proposals. He questioned whether both those in favour and those against could hold "legitimate" positions after a decisive vote in favour of women priests. Dr Baker said that the act effectively told women: "Of course we can't be as sure about your priesthood as we were about that of the men we ordained for centuries before you." The Provost of Wakefield, the Very Rev John Allen, said the proposal for three new sees was un-Anglican and "theologically unsound". He said the proposals for new bishops would perpetuate divisions.

Dr Petronella Clarke, an obstetrician from north London, said the act would not be seen to display integrity and backtracked on arrangements agreed "by massive majorities" a few months ago. "It will be seen to change the rules halfway through."

Canon Ruth Wintle, of Worcester, said: "Some women are deeply hurt that they were not given space to rejoice because all the emphasis has been put on the opponents. Some feel they were being blamed for the divisions, and felt guilty to the extent of wondering whether they could stay within the church."

The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hulme, and the Vatican are thought to be sympathetic to the "Roman option", but many of England's Roman Catholic laity and bishops oppose an influx of married Anglian clergy over the issue of women priests, especially while their own priests are forced to remain celibate.

Vicar to resign if wife is ordained

By Paul Wilkinson

THE divisions in the Church of England over women priests threaten to have profound consequences in one Sunderland vicarage.

The Rev Mark Millward is so opposed to the ordination of women that if his wife Caroline, a deacon, succeeds in her efforts to become an ordained Anglican minister, he will quit as a vicar and become a lay Roman Catholic.

However, the rift in the household at Pennywell in Sunderland is purely theological. "If anything it has brought us closer together," said Mr Millward, 31, who has been a priest for eight years. "One of the things our differences show is that it is possible to love someone and continue living with them while respecting their different views."

The couple married five years ago after meeting at St Stephen's theological college, Oxford. Mr Millward ministers to the congregations of St Oswald's and St Thomas' in Pennywell while his 31-year-old wife works at a mental health unit at Sunderland general hospital.

She said: "Far from illustrating the disunity felt by many at this time, I think that our example can be one of hope to others. It shows you can hold differing views and still live together and pray together." There was no question of her sacrificing her calling for the sake of his views. "That would have been dishonest," she said. "I don't think Mark would have wanted me to do that.

"I see ordination as an extension of the work I do now at the hospital, but as a priest I could perform sacraments that I cannot perform at the moment. I see it as a broadening and widening of my job as a chaplain."

Mr Millward said: "I have to listen to my conscience and that tells me I cannot remain with the Church of England if women's ordination is approved. I cannot imagine myself as anything other than a priest, but it's quite possible that I will join the laity.

"It will be a terrible wrench because I have wanted to be in the church since I was about 14. But I think it is so wrong to press ahead in the way the Church of England is doing that I cannot remain within it."

His wife said: "I do not feel slighted by his decision, far from it. If he has to retain his integrity by moving to another church, then that's what he has to do."

CARL RUTHERFORD

Agreeing to disagree: the Rev Mark Millward and his wife Caroline, who is determined to become a priest

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

SACRIFICING both bishops is a great rarity in chess. In this classic game, the German Grandmaster Dr Tarrasch offers up just such a sacrifice against his ideological foe Nimzowitsch. Nimzowitsch turns down the second offer but is still checkmated with his king in the heart of the enemy camp.

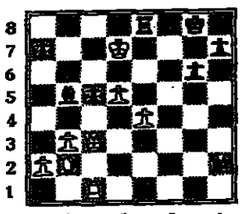
White: Aron Nimzowitsch
Black: Siegbert Tarrasch
St. Petersburg 1914

Queen's Gambit Declined

1	d4	d5
2	Nf3	c5
3	c4	e6
4	e3	Nf6
5	Bd3	Nc6
6	0-0	Bd6
7	b3	0-0
8	Bb2	b6
9	Nbd2	Bb7
10	Rc1	Qe7
11	cxd5	exd5
12	Nh4	g6
13	Nhf3	Rad8
14	dxc5	bxc5
15	Bb5	Ne4
16	Bxc6	Bxc6
17	Qc2	Nxd2
18	Nxd2	d4
19	exd4	Bxh2+
20	Kxh2	Qh4+
21	Kg1	Bxg2
22	f3	Rfe8
23	Ne4	Qh1+
24	Kf2	Bxf1
25	d5	f5
26	Qc3	Qg2+
27	Ke3	Rxe4+
28	fxe4	f4+
29	Kxf4	Rf8+
30	Ke5	Qh2+
31	Ke6	Re8+
32	Kd7	Bb5

Checkmate

Diagram of final position



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The Times Schools Championship

Truro School proved itself the strongest chess school in the country on current form, winning by a clear margin against Haberdashers' Aske's in the final. England's number two, Michael Adams, went to Truro School.

Truro		Haberdashers Askes
Roland Cole	½-½	Andrew Ram
Andrew Greet	½-½	Lee Jacobs
Jonathan Davis	½-½	David Gibson
Paul Hayes	0-1	Paul Saffer
Jack Seale	1-0	Sorel Bhasmahaly
Richard Kemp	1-0	Gabriel Gottlieb

Truro emerged the winners by the score of 3½-2½.

I awarded the second best game in the *Times* Schools Championship to the following game, specifically for Black's enterprise in sacrificing so much material to reach a drawn perpetual check outcome.

White: Roland Cole
Black: Andrew Ram
Times Schools Championship, Final 1993

Queen's Pawn Opening

1	d4	d5
2	Nf3	Bg4
3	e3	e6
4	Bd3	Nc6
5	h3	Bh5
6	c3	Nf6
7	Nbd2	Bd6
8	e4	e5
9	Qb3	dxe4
10	Nxe4	Bxd3
11	cxd3	Nxe4
12	Qxb7	Nxd4
13	Bxe4	Rb8
14	Qxa7	0-0
15	cxd4	Bb4+
16	Kf1	f5
17	Bc2	Rb6
18	a3	Qxd4
19	axb4	Qc4+
20	Kg2	Qxc2
21	Ra6	e4
22	f4	Qd3
23	Ra3	Rg6+
24	Kh2	Qe2
25	Qa3	Qb5
26	Qb3+	Kh8
27	Ra5	Qe2
28	Qe3	Qc4
29	Qc5	Qf7
30	Be3	Rd8
31	Rc1	Rh6
32	Qxc7	Rxh3+

Draw agreed

Winning Move, page 40

Sponsors shun Fide match

By Ian Murray

ANATOLY Karpov and Jan Timman, the two players nominated to play for the Fide world chess championship, have been warned they may not receive the full SWfr4 million (£1.8 million) promised by the game's world governing body when the match was announced last month.

More than half the cash has been guaranteed by the Omani government to stage the second half of the 24-game match. However, the Dutch Chess Federation, which has been asked to organise the first 12 games and to find the other half of the prize money, has found it extremely difficult to persuade hard-headed businessmen in Amsterdam and Arnhem that the match is worth sponsoring. Timman, the Dutch champion, is ranked only 34th in the world by Fide and was beaten by Nigel Short in qualifying to play Garry Kasparov.

The consequence is that the Dutch federation has found that potential sponsors do not believe they will get value for money by backing a match in September to rival *The Times* World Chess Championship between Kasparov and Short. Sources suggest that only about a quarter of the necessary money has been raised.

The Dutch federation met last night to discuss the cash shortage. Both Timman and Karpov meanwhile have been offered contracts for the match in which they are asked to play the match and not sue Fide for the full promised amount if this is not available.

According to one source, the two players are likely to accept these terms to qualify for the Omani prize money, which is worth more than £1 million.

Jockey blames fall on racetrack work

By A Staff Reporter

A FORMER leading jockey told the High Court yesterday that his riding career ended when his horse fell as it took the lead in a race at Doncaster's St Leger meeting in 1989.

Paul Cook, 47, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, is suing Doncaster District Council over the accident in which he broke ribs, a collarbone, thumb and foot. He was forced to retire after 23 years in racing, during which he rode 1,500 winners at courses across the world. He claims the horse lost its footing because the ground was disturbed by drainage work before the meeting.

Ray Cochrane, 36, of Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire, another jockey injured in the same fall, and Bernard Hampson, of Birmingham, the horse's owner, are also seeking damages from the council, which owns the South Yorkshire racetrack.

Mr Cook told Mr Justice Drake that he had ridden the horse, Madraco, twice before the Portland Handicap and had found the six-year-old to be an animal of very good calibre and "one of the toughest old horses in training". Madraco had seemed perfectly sound at the start.

Halfway through the five-furlong race, the tempo had started to increase. "I had just about started to take up the running. I had hit the front and was really travelling well when my horse just dropped in front.

"That's all I really know. He went down and he tried to make some sort of recovery as he fell. It was very split second and he just went down. There was no warning at all."

The council denies liability and claims the fall was caused by a spontaneous stress fracture in one of Mandraco's legs. Mr Cook, however, said that there was no sound like a leg breaking before the fall. He believed the horse's leg was broken as other animals hit it as they fell.

Tim Charlton QC, for the three plaintiffs, has told the court that there were voids beneath the turf covering newly installed drains. Stewards were not told of the drainage work and allowed racing to continue until another horse fell on the third day and the meeting was abandoned. The St Leger had to be run later at Ayr.

The hearing is to decide whether the council is liable for damages. Mr Cook is claiming £280,000 in lost earnings and Mr Cochrane, who suffered minor injuries, is seeking £40,000.

Cook: told court his horse "just dropped"

Doctor says patient's sex claims are fairy tales

A PSYCHIATRIST stopped treating a patient who claims she was forced into sexual intercourse with her GP because he feared she would make unfounded allegations about him, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

The patient, identified only as Ms A, claims she slept with Dr Feramerz Minwalla at least 14 times after he seduced her and because he was a vital legal witness in a custody battle for her children.

Dr Minwalla, 57, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, has denied serious professional misconduct. He decribed the woman's allegations as *Alice in Wonderland* stuff at the hearing of the General Medical Council.

Dr Stephen Gladwell, a consultant psychiatrist, told the General Medical Council that he stopped visiting Ms A, 37, a psychiatric nurse, "for reasons of self-preservation". He said: "Often our discussions related to her sexual problems, and how inadequate her husband was. There was no specific incident. I just thought it was unwise to see this woman at home, with no other adult present."

Dr Minwalla told the hearing: "You hear talk of patients being vulnerable; well, this is a case of a doctor being vulnerable. I am deeply outraged by her claims. The whole thing is *Alice in Wonderland* stuff."

He said Ms A was well known as a difficult patient and had tried to commit suicide several times. She had visited his surgery more than 100 times in three years, compared with an average of three or four times a year for most of his patients. "She used to say highly complimentary things about me, like I was her lifeline," he said. "I tried to help her as much as I could."

He dismissed Ms A's claims about his poor sex life, describing his 30-year marriage as just perfect. Further claims that he had worn underpants with three holes in them during one of the sex sessions, which took place between 1986 and 1988, were also untrue. "I would never wear underwear with holes," he said.

Dr Minwalla said he was always scrupulously correct in his treatment of female patients. "These claims are total lies. I resent it bitterly."

The hearing continues.

Professor faces jail in Aids blood case

By A Staff Reporter

THE head of the East Anglian Regional Blood Transfusion Service has lost his appeal against conviction for distributing Aids-infected blood in France. The regional health authority said that it would be considering Professor Jean-Pierre Allain's future after yesterday's verdict in Paris.

Professor Allain, 50, who stood down as director of the service after his original conviction last year, was sentenced to four years in prison, half of it suspended. He appealed against both sentence and conviction and now faces up to two years in jail.

The conviction involved the supply of contaminated blood to haemophiliacs in 1985. About 1,200 French haemophiliacs were infected and more than 250 have already died.

An independent enquiry commissioned by the regional health authority and headed by Baroness Warnock has said there is no reason for him not to continue as director.

ITV sticks to a familiar diet

By Richard Duce

ITV unveiled a £173 million autumn programme schedule yesterday aimed at grabbing a bigger share of the young audience. While emphasising a £57 million budget for new drama, the schedule still relies on the security blanket of established soap opera, the Saturday night Hollywood film and old favourites.

Taggart, *London's Burning* and *Heartbeat* all make a return in the autumn. *Coronation Street* and *Emmerdale* will both have daytime repeats, forcing five minutes to be cut from ITN's lunchtime news. On Saturday nights, feature films alternate with sporting events such as the boxing world title fight between Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank.

New drama will feature Robbie Coltrane in a serious role as a clinical psychologist in *Cracker*; Dennis Waterman plays an SAS man infiltrating the IRA in *Circle of Deceit*; while Sean Bean, Amanda Donohoe and Theresa Russell will feature in *A Woman's Guide to Adultery*.

Saturday nights will continue to have a familar feel about them. Only a new Steven Spielberg adventure series interferes with the established line-up of *Blind Date*, *Gladiators*, *The Bill* and *Dame Edna's Neighbourhood Watch*.

A new sit-com, *Downwardly Mobile*, features Simon Caddell, Frances de la Tour and Josie Lawrence. *Brighton Belles*, the British version of *The Golden Girls*, stars Sheila Hancock, Wendy Craig, Sheila Gish and Jean Boht. The drama series *Soldier, Soldier* and *Prime Suspect* both make a return.

ALAN WELLER

Bargain hunt: Katherine Higgins of Christie's with a mosaic from the Nadir sale

Contents sale marks nadir of good taste

By Sarah Jane Checkland

PERSONAL property of Asil Nadir, including the contents of his Eaton Square flat in London, is to be auctioned by Christie's next month. However, only committed souvenir hunters, collectors of watches and connoisseurs of bad taste need apply.

While the plain black briefcase is neutral enough, at £80-£100, and the model of a reclining bloodhound on a marble base is on the margins of good taste (£400-£600), the mounted presentation plaque in the form of a brass relief map of Cyprus (£100-150) is downright kitsch.

The sale also shows that Michael Mates was not the only person to indulge Mr Nadir's apparent passion for wristwatches. A rolled gold example by Jean d'Eve comes with a card from his son Birol saying "To Dad. Happy Birthday. Time flies; always use it to the full." Also in the sale is the 18-carat gold Blancpain automatic wrist-watch (£800-£1,200) said to be the one which the former Northern Ireland minister replaced.

The Nadir name is everywhere, even on objects as humble as a pewter hip flask. A music centre bears the pretend brand name Asil Nadir.

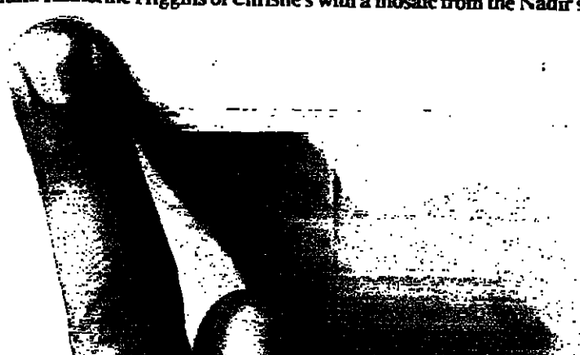
Christie's usually omniscient experts are unsure how much the collection will fetch. Three gilt-metal presentation plaques "to Asil Nadir" are estimated at a less than precise £20-£200 while a certificate conferring the honour of Knight Commander of the Sovereign order of the Knights of Malta upon him has been thrown into a part lot (£50-£80).

No fewer than five televisions are on sale from the two-bedroom flat, as well as a collection of videos. Three Havana cigars are on offer, while the Nadir drinks cabinet offers a range of alcoholic beverages from ouzo to Liebfraumilch and Mateus Rose.

The auction, at Christie's South Kensington on August 6, is on behalf of the trustees of Mr Nadir's bankrupt estate.

It follows the sale two years ago at Phillips of furniture from the Mayfair offices of his now bankrupt company Polly Peck International. Earlier this month, the Eaton Square flat was put on the market for £1.25 million.

Another auction — of Savile Row suits and 700 ties — has yet to be scheduled. However, art works worth about £3 million, including paintings by the Victorian artist Lord Leighton, have gone missing.



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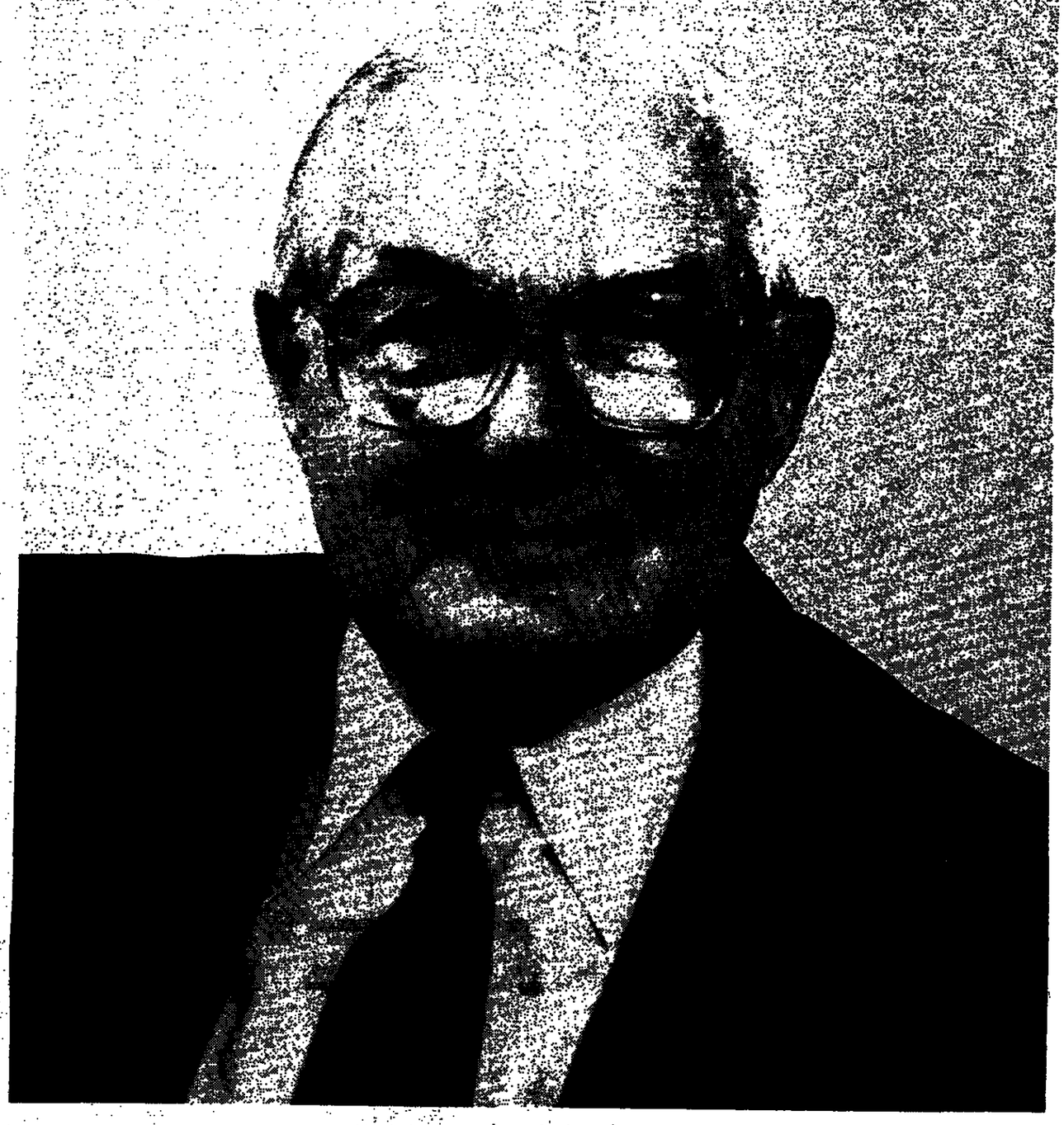
An expert blows the whistle on the Sheehy Report



"The Sheehy Report is a series of dogmatic conclusions backed with very little argument and based upon an inaccurate analysis of the problem. The attitude of its authors can be guessed from the comment: "the time is ripe for taking on the boys and girls in blue." Such an attitude will command no respect either in the Police Service or among the public, and rules out the Report as a serious document.

What is now needed is an objective enquiry by a Royal Commission. This would begin by making a detailed examination of the requirements and the nature of modern policing and, unlike Sheehy, should back its conclusions with detailed argument."

Rt. Hon Lord Callaghan of Cardiff KG. Home Secretary 1967-70. Prime Minister 1976-79.

ASK YOUR MP TO OPPOSE THE SHEEHY PROPOSALS

THE POLICE FEDERATION

Whitelaw tells party waverers that Lords revolt is pointless

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

VISCOUNT Whitelaw is to warn Baroness Thatcher and her fellow rebels tonight that they will provoke a "nasty" clash between the Lords and Commons if they push through a referendum amendment to the Maastricht bill.

As the former deputy prime minister and former prime minister prepare to go through opposing division lobbies for the first time, Lord Whitelaw will make a final plea to wavering Tories to think again about the constitutional consequences before backing a national poll.

He will argue that even if the cross-party amendment is passed, John Major and the Commons could not be expected to change their minds and call a referendum on the treaty.

The government's business managers were increasingly confident last night of defeating the amendment, with estimates of their majority ranging from 50 to 120. About 500 peers are expected to vote, which would be the largest attendance since the poll tax revolt. The debate is expected to last about seven hours, with the vote taking place at about 10pm.

Under pressure from the government's "big guns", namely Lord Whitelaw, Lord Howe of Aberavon and Lord Carrington, there were signs of irresolution among some Tories who were backing a referendum.

The rebel camp remains optimistic, however, that the case put by Lady Thatcher, Lord Blake, the Tory historian, and Lord Tebbit will win over enough peers to score a victory in the vote, in spite of the three-line whip.

They have amassed a formidable list of 145 potential rebels from all benches, including the former cabinet ministers Lord Young of Graffham, Lord Parkinson and Baroness Castle of Blackburn. Two are linked to the royal family: Lord Moore of Wolvercote, former private secretary to the Queen, and the racehorse trainer Lord Carnarvon.

In addition, the pro-referendum lobby has won over the leading industrialists Lord Tombs, Lord King of Wartnaby, Lord Sharp of Grimsdyke and Lord Haslam.

About 25 Labour peers are likely to defy their party's three-line whip by voting for the cross-party amendment.

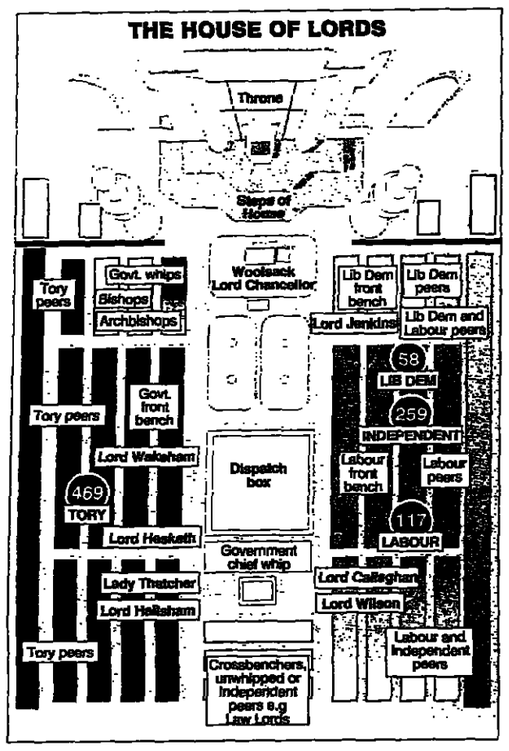
Lord Whitelaw told *The Times* yesterday: "Frankly, if the House of Commons has voted, as it has, by a majority of 239 against a referendum, how can it be believed that they will change their minds if the Lords were to vote for a referendum?

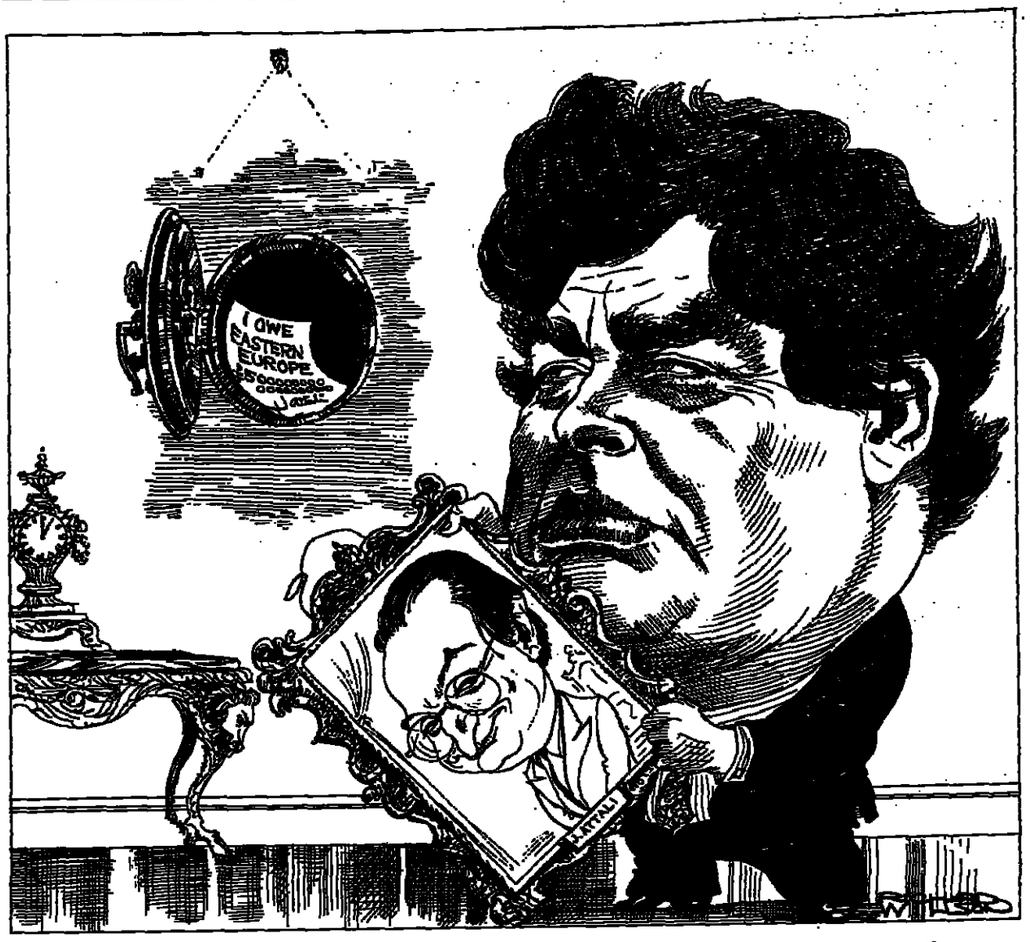
"Therefore, the only result would be that, if they did vote for a referendum, which I do not believe for a moment they will win, the only possible solution would be, I am afraid, a nasty argument and dispute between the two Houses.

"I do not see how you can expect the Commons just to change their minds when they have voted with such a strong majority not to have one. No prime minister, no government, no House of Commons would be prepared to change their minds like that."

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, confidant of both John Major and his predecessor, yesterday fiercely defended her right to defy the Tory three-line whip by voting for a referendum. Although he will not follow her lead, he said she had every right to give her view. Speaking on the *Today* programme on BBC Radio 4, Lord Archer said: "People jump up and down and expect her to sit still for the rest of her life saying nothing.

"Margaret Thatcher has been a distinguished prime minister and she feels very strongly on this. Why shouldn't she have her opinion on Maastricht?"





Major backs Lawson for bank president

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The former Chancellor has emerged as the latest runner in the complex game of horse-trading for leading EC jobs

LORD Lawson of Blaby, the former Chancellor, has emerged as John Major's favoured successor to Jacques Attali as president of the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development.

Downing Street officials described Lord Lawson as a "strong candidate" to succeed M Attali, who was forced to resign last month after criticism of the lavish spending by the bank, set up to help the former communist countries. They made clear that, with the candidate lists closing next week, Britain had not yet decided whether to allow Lord Lawson's name to go forward.

Jacques de Larosiere, governor of the Banque de France, and Henning Christophersen, a vice-president of the European Commission, are competing for the post. The winner will be decided by a weighted vote among the 59 countries contributing to the bank.

The prime minister's decision to float Lord Lawson's name is part of a complex round of horse-trading going on in Brussels over a number of posts and sites for European institutions. Mr Major has let it be known that he is backing Sir Leon Brittan to succeed Jacques Delors as the European Commission president. In so doing, his objective is to stop one of the federalist candidates, Felipe Gonzáles of Spain and Wilfried Martens of Belgium, succeeding M Delors next year.

He is also pushing for London to become the home of the European Monetary Institute, the forerunner of the European Central Bank envisaged by the Maastricht treaty. Britain's real goal is seen in Brussels as being to deny Frankfurt the central bank and to prevent it rivalling the City as a financial centre. Britain would accept a German as head of the EBRD and would be prepared to compromise on Bonn as the site of the EMI.

Treasury officials said that Lord Lawson, who resigned as Chancellor in 1989, had a powerful claim on the post. "He has bags of political background and experience of international finance. He has been in the banking world since he left the government and he has a lot of interest in eastern Europe," one said. Downing Street indicated that, with the EBRD sited in the City, it would be difficult for a Briton to secure the presidency.

Lord Lawson is a director of Barclays Bank and of the GPA Group, but he has not landed the kind of plum City post that he might have expected after his six years as Chancellor, during which he earned an enviable international reputation for his command of economics.

Under M Attali, the bank is alleged to have spent £750,000 on replacing the marble in its headquarters. By the end of 1992, it had spent more than £200 million on its buildings. Only £101 million had been disbursed in loans.

The prime minister's backing for Lord Lawson will surprise Conservative MPs. Shortly after he replaced Lord Lawson as Chancellor in 1989, Mr Major was critical of his predecessor's reign at the Treasury, saying that policy misjudgments in 1987 and 1988 over growth, the stock market crash and mortgage interest tax relief had led to an inflationary boom.

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Financial watchdogs to widen their gaze

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TWO public spending watchdogs are to carry out tougher checks on the government's newer agencies after scandals involving deception and the misuse of public funds.

The National Audit Office and the Commons public accounts committee will spread their nets to inspect bodies, such as opted out schools and hospital trusts, which now control their own funds.

Robert Sheldon (L, Ashton-under-Lyne), the committee chairman, told *The Times* that he was increasingly worried that bringing private expertise into publicly funded bodies was threatening their traditionally high standards.

"Corruption is not on the way out anywhere in the world," he said. "I want to make sure it stays out here. But there have been a number of cases where that is not so."

The most recent scandals include the saga of mismanagement at the Welsh Development Agency, which was exposed in a committee report after "whistle blowers" in the agency spoke out. Mr Sheldon said that "the WDA officials just ran it as their own show".

The cross-party committee will shortly publish another highly critical report on the loss of £63 million through a suspect computer contract by the Wessex regional health authority. Mr Sheldon has described the case as a "truly horrifying story".

The rapid growth in organisations working at arm's length from Whitehall is presenting many problems for Mr Sheldon's committee and for the National Audit Office, headed by Sir John Bourn, the comptroller and auditor general, which inspects all public accounts.

Their check list will now cover not only government departments, but executive agencies, quangos, opted-out schools, and health trusts.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth office. Debates on opposition motions on Scottish local government and on G7 summit. Lords (2.30): European communities (amendment) bill, report, final day.

Advisers overruled by Lilley

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the social security secretary, has rejected advice from the government's own advisory committee to reform the Social Fund, the state's safety net for the poor.

In a report yesterday, Mr Lilley says that despite advice from the social security advisory committee and York University to revise the fund, which gives discretionary loans for the needy, he intends to press on with the scheme as it is. The report coincides with new figures showing that three-quarters of applications for the £400 million fund are rejected. The figures which have been obtained by *The Times* shows 72.76 per cent of applications were rejected in the year ending April 1993.

Last year, the advisory committee produced a highly critical report claiming that the fund was not generous enough. But launching the social security department's annual report on the fund yesterday, Nicholas Scott, minister for the disabled, said: "There is much in the latest report to confirm that the fund is working very effectively as intended."

The report shows the fund covered 1.8 million non-repayable grants and interest-free loans worth more than £314 million, plus £87 million in maternity, funeral and cold-weather payments.

Social chapter poses biggest threat to vulnerable Tories

THE government's narrow squeak in the Commons vote on extending VAT to domestic fuel, a majority of just eight, underlines its continued vulnerability ahead of two key political tests later this month.

The first is over Europe. What matters is not tonight's vote in the Lords over a referendum on the Maastricht treaty. Despite the strong views of its supporters, the referendum amendment looks certain to be defeated. That should be the end of the matter. And the Maastricht bill will become law next week.

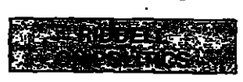
More worrying for ministers are the subsequent votes on the social chapter in the Commons and the Lords required by the bill. Throughout the Commons debates on the bill, the government sought to defer a decisive vote on the chapter. But that now has to be faced.

The government faces the united votes of Labour, the Liberal Democrats and all the smaller parties, apart from the Ulster Unionists, for British involvement in the social chapter. That explains why ministers have recently been publicly courting the unionists. The outcome could be so tight that even the vote of Sir James Kilfedder, the independent Ulster Unionist, has entered the calculations of Tory whips.

Ministers are now engaged in an exercise of bluff with Tory Euro-sceptics, who are split. A hard-core will revolt whatever appeals are made by the government. Some others may rebel if they believe there is a chance of blocking ratification of the treaty.

The government will have to convince potential rebels that it will press ahead with ratification since the Maastricht bill is law, while leaving a doubt about its intentions over the social chapter.

The government may be let off the legal hook if the Lords votes against British participation in the chapter. That would still leave a political dilemma if it loses in the Commons. Even if the government decides to ratify, leaving a final decision on the chapter until later, John Major may have to seek an immediate confidence vote.



This wrangling will harm the Tories in the Christchurch by-election. Nothing damages a party more than the appearance of disunity.

The Liberal Democrats are trying to turn the contest into a protest against the extension of VAT. The Tories fairly point out that all parties have considered energy taxes, but that is unlikely to reduce the resentment of pensioners, a third of residents in Christchurch, the second highest proportion in England and Wales.

William Powell, one of the Tory rebels in Monday's debate, warned his party — in what Nicholas Budgen sarcastically described as "a very helpful speech" — that because the government would not withdraw the VAT extension, the Tories would lose the by-election.

It is hard to find a Tory MP, apart from Sir Norman Fowler, who believes their candidate will win.

IG Index, which offers odds on political events, reports that betting is all one-way on the by-election.

It has raised its middle quotation on the Liberal Democrat majority over the Tories from 2,000 at the beginning of the week to 4,100 yesterday morning, and 5,100 last night.

To some extent, therefore, a Tory loss may be discounted. But it would still be highly damaging at a time when Tory morale is already shaky.

The risk for Mr Major is that losing Christchurch would be seen as a verdict on him and that, if it followed a Commons defeat on the social chapter, it would reignite speculation about his future.

By the end of the month, the Tories might be relieved if they lose just one of these two tests.

PETER RIDDELL

Labour seeks accord on voting rights

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith, the Labour leader, will come under intense pressure today to back down on his union reforms as trade unionists and MPs meet to thrash out a compromise deal.

At a crucial meeting at Westminster, modernising MPs, including Tony Blair and Robin Cook, will try to ward off proposals by trade unionists and traditionalist MPs such as John Prescott and Clare Short. The trade union links committee is expected to draw up a series of options which will go to Labour's national executive committee next Monday.

While most members of the union-dominated links committee are said to be opposed to Mr Smith's plan for one member one vote (Omov) for the selection of parliamentary candidates, the group is unlikely to reject the scheme out of hand.

It is instead expected to propose three or four schemes which will include: a register of Labour supporters who have voting rights for parliamentary candidates and the leadership; "levy plus" whereby those who pay a political levy will pay slightly more to become full party members (a version of Omov backed by Mr Smith) or an electoral college based on balloting individual trade unionists.

Traditionalists are proposing a compromise based on the register of Labour supporters, whereby political levy payers would declare their support for the party and for its main constitutional policies, but would not become full card-carrying members. The unions could pay an administrative fee which would represent the "levy plus" element.

However, last night Labour officials made clear that Mr Smith would not back any scheme in which trade unionists did not become full members. He will also expect each trade unionist to pay a top-up fee to the political levy but this could be as little as £3.

The trade union links committee will also analyse findings of a consultation exercise in which all constituency parties were asked about selection of candidates. It is understood that about 80 per cent of those who responded favoured a change from the status quo.

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Struggle for water and life saps the spirit of Sarajevo

FROM TIM JUDAH IN SARAJEVO

There is no easy choice left for the exhausted Muslims, who do not know where to turn. Signing up for peace, any peace, will not ensure an end to the hell

AMINA'S father died when he went to fetch water last October. He reasoned that because of the shelling people would be in the shelters and there would be no queue. He paid for the trip with his life. Amina says: "We lost the war. I lost my father. Does it mean I am not patriotic if I don't want to die for nothing. I want to survive."

Yesterday morning, Leila was waiting for the water lorry. It did not arrive. "I don't see the point of continuing," she said. "We have no chance. We have no food, no running water, the world will not give us anything and I am not prepared to die for idiotic ideals." Sejla, her neighbour, said angrily that if she had a gun she would fight and die for Bosnia-Herzegovina. "It's because you will die that we should sign [the peace deal]," said Leila wearily. On Monday, 12 more people died waiting for water in the suburb of Dobrinja.

After 16 months of siege, Sarajevo is desperate, in disarray and divided. The Bosnian capital feels abandoned and betrayed by the world, and its people and leaders are exhausted and do not know where to turn.

Since there is no electricity, dinner at Amina's is by candlelight to the accompaniment of machinegun fire. The meal consists of bread and a packet of humanitarian aid cheese bought on the blackmarket for the equivalent of three months' pay.

Some say that the endgame has been reached. The Bosnian government claims it will reply to the Serb-Croat partition plan for the country with a federation plan of its own. Many suspect that it is a figleaf — a face-saving document to end the war and to disguise defeat.

In his cellar office-flat, Stjepan Kljuic, president of the Bosnian war crimes commission, banged the table, and said: "I am for the fight to the end. We would die, but it would be to the shame of the West. They cannot take away our right of self-defence."

A government official, who asked not to be named, said: "They can call it a federation but it's obviously partition. I don't call this defeat, I call it betrayal by the world and by the government."

Mr Kljuic remains steadfast in his belief of an undivided Bosnia, and said the government is in disarray. President Izetbegovic of Bosnia and others want to sign up for peace, any peace, but do not know how, he said.

Last week, Mr Izetbegovic said that some form of partition was the lesser of the two evils if the country was forced into "a war without end". Later, he claimed that he had been misunderstood. But there is no easy choice.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, has said that unless Mr Izetbegovic signs up for partition, the country will be divided between Serbs and Croats, and the Muslims will get nothing.

In Sarajevo, it is believed that partition would be worse than defeat. It would mean more war as hundreds of thousands of Croats, Muslims and Serbs left on the wrong side of the ethnic frontiers fled or were "ethnically cleansed".

Lost in grief: a Muslim woman covers her face as she weeps for her mother who was killed in a queue for water in Sarajevo

Under the immense pressures, the capital is beginning to crack. "Many people feel the war is very close to the end now," said Bojan Zecs, a reporter for the Bosnian news agency. "Two hundred thousand are dead. We can stop now and build on what's left. Those who want to continue say this is defeat. Others say: 'let's end this hell'."

Kemal Muftic, an adviser to Mr Izetbegovic, said the world had failed Bosnia "just as Czechoslovakia was sacrificed to feed Hitler's appetites". He rejected the suggestion that the dilemma is defeat or peace or more war postponing defeat. "People keep asking me 'how long can you hold out?' Apparently we are constantly about to fall . . . but we are still here."

Night brings out sanctions busters

FROM ANDREW TARNOWSKI IN PELINCE, MACEDONIA

EVERY night the sanctions busters gather at a small hilltop frontier post just north of Skopje, the Macedonian capital. The long line of covered lorries waits with headlights off for hours until a Macedonian policeman emerges from a hut to raise the red-and-white barrier and allow them north into Serbia.

At about 10.30pm the vehicles roar across, punching another hole in the trade embargo imposed by the United Nations Security Council on Serbia to punish it for its role in the war in Bosnia. When the northbound traffic has gone, another line of lorries rumbles southwards from Serbia.

On this night, the 90 lorries on the Macedonian side stretch back nearly a mile past a UN Protection Force observation post where Swedish peacekeeping troops keep count and report to base. "During the night at this place there can be 150 to 200 trucks crossing in both directions," says the Swedish officer. "It's been going on all the time since we came here in February and it's the same all along the frontier."

The UN troops have no mandate to enforce sanctions. Only the Macedonian Sanctions Assistance Mission from the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe helps customs officers enforce the embargo.

The mission's 28 officers cover five official crossings on the Serbian border and four on the southern border with Greece, which are designated for the passage of sanctions-exempt goods such as food, medicines and humanitarian aid.

"When the officers go home at 8 or 9pm the sanctions-busting trucks start rolling across the border at the official crossings," a UN source said.

Even American diplomats admit that sanctions present Macedonia with problems. Closing its border would destroy its economy. *(Reuter)*

Abkhazians are given ultimatum

Tbilisi: Georgia issued an ultimatum to Abkhazian separatists yesterday, threatening a massive attack on their main base if rebels fail to withdraw from two key areas.

The rebels have until midnight tonight to comply. Hundreds have been killed in the Black Sea region since Georgia sent in troops last August to quell Abkhazian nationalists who had voted for more autonomy. *(Reuter)*

Guerrilla offer

Phnom Penh: Khieu Samphan, the leader of the Khmer Rouge, who said his guerrillas were willing to join Cambodia's national army, revealed that Prince Norodom Sihanouk had offered him ministerial posts. *(Reuter)*

Iraq case fails

Darmstadt: A case against eight Germans charged with helping Iraq to build a chemical weapons arsenal collapsed because of a lack of expert testimony, prosecutors have admitted after more than a year of proceedings. *(Reuter)*

Clean air bill

Budapest: More than £16 million will be spent persuading Trabant and Wartburg owners to hand over their fume-belching cars for demolition and get free public transport passes for up to three years in return. *(Reuter)*

Deng denial

Hong Kong: The daily *Ta Kung Pao*, a Chinese-controlled Hong Kong newspaper, has denied a Japanese report that Deng Xiaoping, 88, China's senior leader, had cancer surgery. *(Reuter)*

Drugs sentence

Dhaka: A Bangladeshi court has sentenced Eliadah McCord, 18, an American, to life imprisonment for smuggling 6.6lb of heroin from Bangkok, officials said. *(AFP)*

Magnate lists his gifts to ministers

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

POLITICIANS in Naples caught up in Italy's corruption scandal have been heckled, spat upon, and turned away from restaurants. Now their reputations have suffered a new affront with the confessions of Giampaolo Zambelletti, a chemical manufacturer, who has provided magistrates with a catalogue of gifts that he says he delivered to coincide with ministerial birthdays, weddings and Christmas.

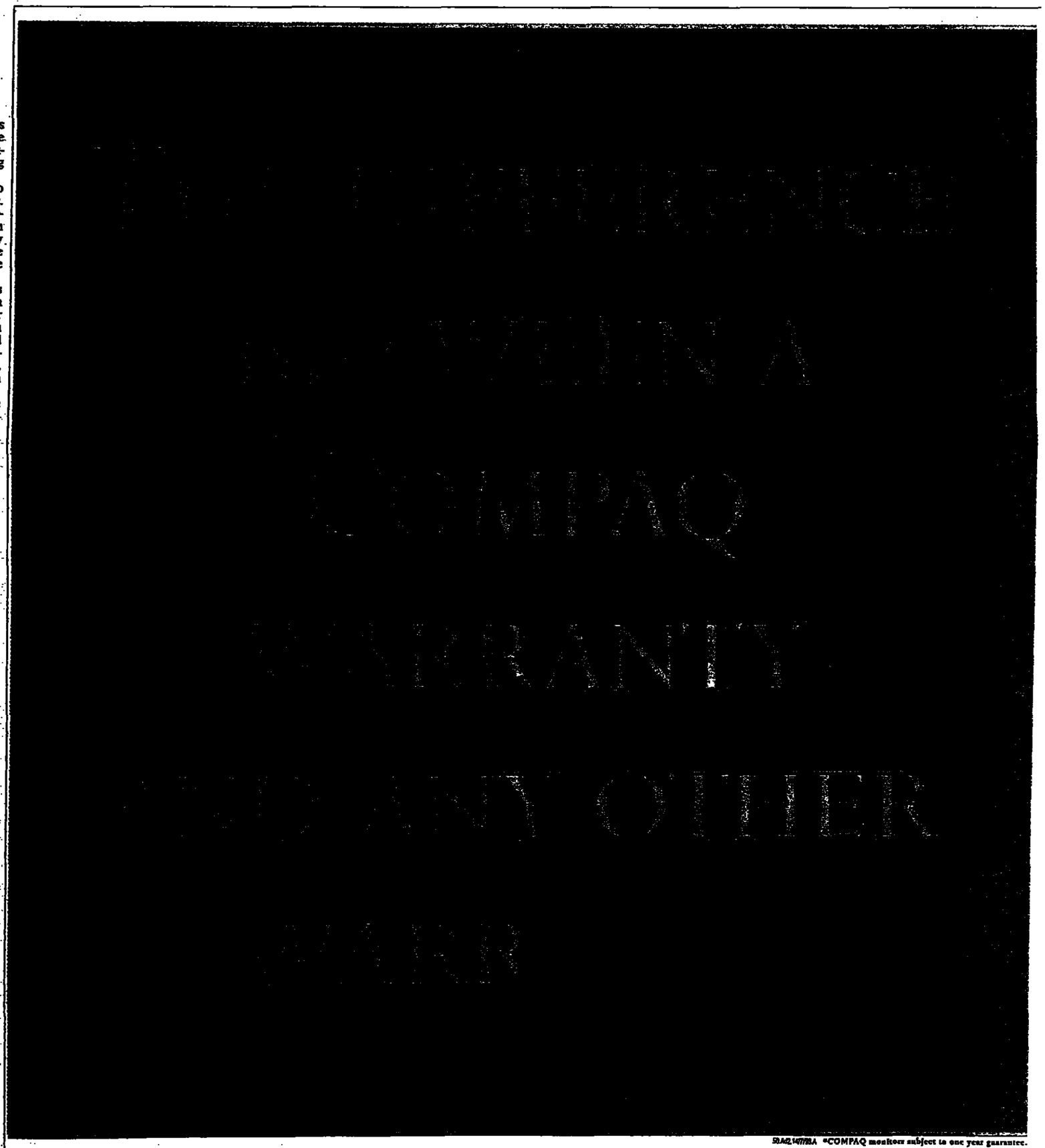
Having discovered the more prosaic methods of payment, such as secret Swiss bank accounts and attaché cases full of bank notes, the magistrates are now apparently reviewing silver tableware and ruby necklaces. Prime beneficiaries of Signor Zambelletti's generosity, were alleged by Italian newspapers yesterday to be Francesco De Lorenzo, the former health minister, and Paolo Cirino Pomicino, former budget minister.

Signor De Lorenzo, a Liberal, and Signor Pomicino, a Christian Democrat, are from Naples, and both were on a committee which set government-controlled drug prices.

Both former ministers have denied wrongdoing. Signor Pomicino, who is also under investigation for alleged collusion with the Camorra crime organisation, said even friendships were being distorted as part of a witch hunt.

Last night Salvatore Ligresti, one of Italy's richest businessmen, surrendered to police, four days after an international warrant was issued for his arrest on corruption charges.

Last year Signor Ligresti served four months in jail for kickbacks paid to politicians by one of his construction firms. He was freed in November after a prostate operation and had agreed to co-operate with magistrates.



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Republicans search for unity to fight 'godsend' Clinton

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ The Grand Old Party is trying to pick up the pieces. It needs leadership and ideas which will attract voters from the Democrats yet retain its conservative base

LEADING Republicans pummelled President Clinton as a tax-happy liberal, a fan of big government, and an advocate of dangerously deep defence cuts at their summer strategy session in Chicago. They also gave thanks to Mr Clinton for helping to unite their party.

"Bill Clinton is a godsend," said Haley Barbour, chairman of the Republican National Committee. "I'm not being facetious when I say he's done more for us in six months than I could have done in four years." Since losing the White House after 12 years, Republicans have been on a winning streak in state and local elections that has made the Grand Old Party feel grand again. As Mr Clinton's ratings have fallen, the right wing has attracted shoals of recruits.

Beneath the surface though, Republicans are in conflict. They need to shake off last year's image of intolerance on social issues and to work out how to win back voters who defected to Ross Perot. They must find a middle course on abortion and homosexual rights that will find favour with their conservative base while not scaring off moderates and new adherents.

Today's conflict is reminiscent of a remark made many years ago by Ronald Reagan: "The trouble with the Republican party is that the right hand doesn't know what the extreme-right hand is doing." In Chicago, by design, most speakers were moderates and not the social-issues and religious-right crowd who contributed to George Bush's defeat, and who threaten to split the party again as it prepares to challenge Mr Clinton in 1996.

Republicans badly need a leader, and as many as ten would-be presidential candidates are trying out campaign themes. The hunt for ideas has generated a glut of think tanks, policy seminars and loftily named pressure groups. Party headquarters has just formed the National Policy Forum: a Republican Centre for the Exchange of Ideas. In its quest, the forum will send "in-depth questionnaires" to 600,000 party activists, and hold dozens of town meetings before trying to turn the opinions into policy reports.

The Empower America group was founded by two presidential contenders who are soul-mates from the Reagan-Bush years, Jack Kemp, the former housing secretary, and Bill Bennett, the former education secretary and drugs "tsar". Their centre-right agenda calls for privatising public housing and bolstering small businesses. They are dismissed as agents of big government by Patrick Buchanan, the vociferous, right-wing commentator who may run again in 1996. His group, American Cause, is still waging the cultural war of anti-gay and anti-abortion beliefs that led to his denunciation as a bigot for his speech to the Republican convention in Houston last year.

Buchanan: anti-gay, anti-abortion agenda

Mr Buchanan's views are echoed in part by the religious right through Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, which is enjoying a huge revival. It has attracted an average of 10,000 new members a week since Mr Clinton took office.

The fundamentalists propagate social values that often seem mean and intolerant to moderate Republicans. Connie Morella, a congresswoman for Maryland, says: "They send out a message that, unless there is a certain way you talk, raise your kids, love and pray, you are most certainly not welcome here."

A Republican dilemma is whether traditionalists can be persuaded to dilute their social conservatism while the party broadens its base and develops plausible alternatives on the economy, education, health and welfare. Another question is whether the party should rekindle Reaganomics or abandon nostalgia and try to articulate new goals.

Among those sizing up their chances are Richard Cheney, the former defence secretary, Lamar Alexander, the former education secretary, Senator Phil Gramm of Texas and Senator Robert Dole of Kansas.

Woman warrior: an Armenian tank unit commander preparing to face Azerbaijani forces near Agdam this week. Fighting over Nagarno-Karabakh, which has left 15,000 dead, is adding to Armenians' privations

Blockaded Armenians get ready for second war against winter

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN YEREVAN

THE sun beat down on this modern Soviet city yesterday, but almost everyone was talking about how they can prepare for the bitter winter.

The Armenian capital has become as dependent on the seasons as any prehistoric village. In summer, it smells of petrol fumes, dust and garbage. In winter, it shrivels and contracts. Yerevanis know from experience that there will be an acute shortage of heating.

The reason is the Nagarno-Karabakh war and the consequent blockade by Azerbaijan. Last winter, this was made even more effective by the sabotage of gas pipelines across neighbouring Georgia. Economic life in Yerevan came to a virtual halt. Mortality and malnutrition soared.

The Ararat plateau, on which Yerevan is situated, is in any case a place of climatic extremes. In July, it is blazingly hot; but the mountains which ring the plain are still capped with ice, a grim reminder of winter, when temperatures drop to minus 30C.

This plateau has known human desperation before. For most of the period from 1917 to 1920, it was the only haven of the Armenian people from the advancing Turks, and became a huge camp for refugees from the Turkish genocide. In the words of Ruben Hakopian, a leader of the Dashnak opposition party: "If the Armenians are relatively good at coping with their present hardships, that is because history has bred endurance into our national genes."

Most of Yerevan's population today are in fact descendants of refugees from Turkey. This also explains the size of the city which has grown from 16,000 people in 1914 to 1.25 million, and today has more than one third of Armenia's total population.

The city's infrastructure bears the scars of last winter, when much of it collapsed. Today, it is common on the streets of Yerevan to see broken down buses and a strange example of passenger power — trolly bus passengers pushing their buses to a working section of overhead cable, while the driver sits at the wheel and utters encouraging cries.

Yet the situation is not altogether bad. The Armenians have a reputation for entrepreneurial skill. Large quantities of foreign goods reach the city, some smuggled from Azerbaijan with the connivance of corrupt Azerbaijani officials.

As a result, Yerevan in July is probably the most cheerful city in the Caucasus: Cafés, ice cream bars and shashlik stalls are full and restaurants blare with the music of wedding parties.

Still, as an Armenian journalist said yesterday: "If people are enjoying themselves now, it's just because they know that six months from now they will be hungry and freezing." A common complaint is that there is no point in trying to stock up for winter, above all kerosene for heating, because prices are so high that even middle income people cannot afford to buy.

One main worry is that last winter exhausted most people's reserves of preserved fruit and vegetables, so that this coming winter, even more of the population may be forced to rely on soup kitchens and Western aid.

Heroes of space hit rock bottom

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

The Soviet Union's former heroes of the space race live in a polluted crime black-spot, starved of funding and fresh vegetables and face an uncertain future, according to workers at the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, who have broken a code of silence to pour out their woes.

In an open letter to President Yeltsin of Russia and President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, the Baikonur employees complain of appalling social conditions in the dormitory town of Leninsk and accuse the two countries of letting the base "bleed to death" while they haggle over its future.

"It is painful to see the death of Leninsk which was for so long the pride of our country," said the letter, carried by Tass. "Its apartments stand empty and plundered. In the winter there is virtually no heating. With every day the crime rate worsens. Leninsk has become a place for the homeless, for criminals and people on the run from the law."

Russia and Kazakhstan are at loggerheads over the future of the vast base from where Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space in April 1961, and which has seen more than 1,500 Soyuz launches. Moscow wants it as a Russian military base for commercial launches, while Kazakhstan wants to turn it into a free economic zone or a joint company.

The workers are calling for "socially protected status" — perks in supplies and attention such as that meted out to communities that have suffered ecological disaster. Part of Leninsk's problem is that it remains a closed town, so it has failed to profit from the opening up of markets.

The signatories complained that they sacrificed much to live in Leninsk "for the glory of our country and scientific-technical progress", adding sorrowfully: "We could never have dreamed that it would end up like this."

González excludes radicals

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

AFTER more than a decade in power the picnic is officially over for Spain's divided Socialist party, with the official announcement yesterday by Felipe González, the prime minister, of his new cabinet.

Faced with a split within the party, Señor González has not included in the cabinet a single member of the idealistic faction of the "Guerristas". In the last cabinet there were three followers of Alfonso Guerra, a former deputy prime minister who is now at loggerheads with the reformists who will dominate the new government.

With the country's gravest economic problems for 30 years to manage, and having to govern 17 seats short of a majority, Señor González has appointed eight new ministers to his 18-member cabinet, consisting mainly of technocrats. The cabinet includes six independents, all faithful to his pragmatic approach.

"There are no surprises," said Rodrigo Rato, a spokesman for the conservative opposition. The Basque and Catalan nationalists, on whom the Socialists now depend for a majority, gave their approval to the nominations.

The opposition have left the door open for possible changes in the cabinet if they decide to join the Socialists in a coalition after the autumn budget debate, in which they are seeking large fiscal concessions.

The economy and finance post has gone to Pedro Solbes, 50, an economist and linguist who was previously the agriculture minister. Four ministers retained their posts with Narcís Serra, 50, the deputy prime minister, assuming additional responsibility for coordinating the economy and the regions.

British diplomatic sources welcomed the continuance of Javier Solana, 51, as foreign minister and did not predict any significant policy shifts on Gibraltar.

Oldest stitch in time

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE world's oldest piece of cloth, believed to have been woven nearly 9,000 years before the dresses of Laura Ashley and the suits of Tommy Nutter, has been unearthed near the upper Tigris river in modern-day Turkey.

Archaeologists who have carbon-dated the material claim that it is from around 7,000 BC, and early tests indicate it is linen. The fragment, measuring 3ins by 1½ ins, was found with part of an antler. Researchers speculate that it could have come from a tunic or shawl, or might be from gloves worn when using a tool.

One of the team who have been studying the cloth, Gillian Vogelsang-Eastwood, of the textile research centre at the national museum of ethnology in Leiden, The Netherlands, hailed the find as a "fascinating discovery". She said: "It pushes back the date at which we know textiles were produced."

Linda Wooley, curator of early and medieval textiles at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, said yesterday that the find could shed new light on the weaving abilities and the availability of raw materials at the time.

"We have not got anything as old as this, but if you look at our collection of dynastic linens from Egypt, which are from between 1,500 BC and 2000 BC, they are extremely fine. You cannot get linen like this now. It reflects the skills and also the quality of flax available."

The fragment is 4,000 years older than any that is held in the Petrie collection at University College London, and predates the oldest cloth that had previously been discovered by 500 years. It was found by a team led by archaeologists and scientists at the University of Chicago and the University of Istanbul in a semi-fossilised state at Cayonu, about 30 miles from the city of Diyarbakir.

President to visit flooded Midwest

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Clinton was breaking off his holiday in Hawaii last night to visit the flood-stricken upper Midwest, the White House said.

He had been scheduled to leave Hawaii today, after a few days of relaxation following his visit to Asia. The White House budget director, Leon Panetta, is assembling a package of federal aid.

The rain-swollen Mississippi and its tributaries continued to swallow up land yesterday. Residents and National Guardsmen battled to save homes and businesses. The flooding was linked to at least 19 deaths, 13 in Missouri. The Red Cross said more than 7,600 homes were damaged or destroyed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois.

Meanwhile more storms swept across Iowa, leading to police warnings of new record floods on the Raccoon River. Flooding there has already contaminated Des Moines' water supply.

Flood patrol: helicopters, one with Vice-President Al Gore on board, sweep low over flooded homes near the Mississippi and Missouri

Siege of franc blemishes Bastille day

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

With General Philippe Morillon at his side, President Mitterrand today takes the salute of the French armed forces at the Bastille day parade but the big moment for the political classes has nothing to do with martial might or "Philippe of Bosnia", as the press calls the newly returned UN commander. Along with the currency markets, the politicians are poised for M Mitterrand's lunchtime chat with the nation.

The event has added spice this year because it amounts to the Socialist president's first review of the conservative government, led by Edouard Balladur, since it took office three months ago. It also comes amid doubts over its ability to revive the economy.

This week's run on the franc, which abated somewhat yesterday with fresh German help, caught M Balladur off guard just as he and his team were congratulating themselves on their success in persuading citizens to buy 110 billion francs (£12.6 billion) of special government bonds. Yesterday, a bill to make the Banque de France independent cleared its final hurdle in the senate. Bonn's support to shore up the franc came as a brutal reminder of France's subordination to German economic power, and inflicted a cold shower on ministers crowing about the franc replacing the mark as the "anchor" in the European exchange-rate mechanism.

In comparison with the turbulent "cohabitation" of the late 1980s, the latest bout of French power-sharing has so far proven eerily harmonious. The Socialist president has kept himself to occasional ironic asides as the Gaullist prime minister has basked in a long honeymoon and embarked on his campaign to staunch the unemployment that is inflicting such trauma on the Gallic psyche. The two men share a similar personal style and a belief in the need to defend France against "Anglo-Saxon-led" efforts to dictate, as they see it, terms for a new world trade accord at the expense of France and its farmers in particular.

However, with jockeying under way for his own succession in May 1995, the president may be unable to resist much longer the temptation for making mischief. Conventional wisdom was expecting this after the long truce of the summer holidays, but the squall over the economy and signs that the farmers are once again on the warpath suggest an earlier foray. Polls show M Balladur's popularity now waning and M Mitterrand's recovering.

The Balladur team is insisting that devaluation or withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism remains "unthinkable", and most experts believe that the Bundesbank will do all in its power to avert a collapse. But, just as the sterling crisis did for Britain last autumn, the third assault on the franc in ten months is highlighting the contradiction between the government's attempts to revive the economy and its commitment to a strong currency.

Unlike the previous two attacks, M Balladur is unlikely to raise interest rates. Even with rates now down to the German level, the government is still trying to "drive the economy with all the brakes on", said *Le Monde* yesterday. Forecasts last week, which said the economy would shrink by 1.2 per cent, brought signs of desperation.

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Pressure grows for US to stop calling the shots in Somalia

Aidid: incited uprising against UN forces

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ America's military has effective control of the United Nations operation. This week's violence highlights the shortcomings in the command structure

IF THE United Nations operation in Somalia gives every appearence of being under American control, that is also the reality. The UN effectively ceded control to the United States some time ago.

The basic command structure of the UN Somalia operation was agreed in February when Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, had a private lunch with Boutros Boutros Ghali at the UN secretary-general's residence in New York. Although the United Nations chief had publicly insisted he had full confidence in his special representative in Somalia, Mr Christopher insisted that the man, a former leading Iraqi diplomat, must go.

Dr Boutros Ghali suggested that an American take the job, and a month later, Ismat Kittani, the Iraqi, was replaced after only four months in the post. At the time, United Nations officials suggested that his departure was due to a longstanding gall bladder problem, but he has since been reassigned to the job of Dr Boutros Ghali's representative in Tajikistan.

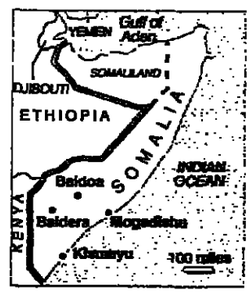
His replacement in Somalia raised eyebrows among UN veterans. For the first time, the secretary-general had named a former senior US military officer as a United Nations special representative, in an essentially diplomatic post.

Retired Admiral Jonathan Howe has a curriculum vitae that would be the pride of any military man. His long career includes two years in command of allied forces in southern Europe, and US naval forces in Europe and the eastern Atlantic.

Washington insisted that the UN military commander in Somalia, when the world body assumed control of the country from the US-led multinational force, should be General Cevit Bir of Turkey, a highly regarded Nato general. Another American military officer, Major-General Tom Montgomery, was named as General Bir's deputy.

Thus did the UN cede effective control of its unprecedented "peace enforcement" operation in Somalia to the United States. It was an arrangement that suited both sides, even though another 26 countries from Kuwait to Romania were directly involved in the UN force.

The UN was confident that the involvement of Admiral Howe guaranteed it quick access to American firepower and political support, and as a token obtained command of



4,000 US troops — the first time Washington had placed a sizeable number of American soldiers under UN command. Only when General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Somali warlord, incited an uprising against UN forces, triggering ambushes that left 23 Pakistani peacekeepers dead, did the shortcomings of the command structure become clear. With rising violence in the Somali capital, some of the countries with troops in the UN force are getting cold feet and are now taking orders from their own capitals rather than the American-dominated UN authorities.

The Italians and the Pakistanis, two of the largest contingents in the 20,000-strong UN force, are reported to be refusing to follow UN orders for fear of losing more troops. The Pakistanis say that they need additional armoured cars, and the Italians insist on negotiating with the Somalis before joining dangerous UN operations.

Refusing to single out any particular nation, Joe Sills, the secretary-general's spokesman, said: "It is unacceptable to the United Nations ... for the national contingents to seek instructions from their member states or their national capitals," he said. "They are under the force commander and they are supposed to follow his orders. That is very clear." Italy, which had three of its UN troops killed in an ambush on July 2, has publicly criticised the UN's handling of the confrontation with General Aidid, and has asked the UN to call a halt to its offensive to allow time for negotiations.

Members of the 15-nation UN Security Council, which sets the broad mandate of all UN military operations, remain supportive of the offensive in Somalia, however. They recognise that if its forces can be defeated by the irregular army of a Somali warlord, then the UN will lose credibility globally.

Sir David Hannay, Britain's UN ambassador and this month's president of the security council, said after the latest clashes in Mogadishu that he was determined to prevent the council from trying to manage UN military action. "There is no question of any military operations ... being communicated to the security council in advance, and if anyone tried to do so I would be the first to prevent it," he said.

☐ **Mogadishu:** Somali employees of Western news agencies faced angry crowds yesterday as they recovered the bodies of three foreign journalists killed in a mob attack after the UN assault on General Aidid's headquarters.

The body of a fourth journalist, retrieved soon after Monday's attack, along with the other bodies, was flown to Kenya yesterday. In three attacks on UN troops in Mogadishu since the assault on the compound, five peacekeepers were wounded, one of them seriously, officials said. *(Reuter/AP)*

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Township 'monster' linked to extremists

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

GUNMEN firing at random from a moving car killed 14 people in two Transvaal townships on the eve of renewed peace talks. Among other casualties of the latest round of township troubles was the so-called "Vaal Monster", a man believed to have been responsible for more than 70 killings.

Nine people were killed instantly when a carload of unknown gunmen raced through Sebokeng and nearby Evaton on Monday night. Four more died in hospital.

Major Piet van Deventer, a police spokesman, said: "It was completely random. There is no way these people could have known whom they were shooting."

The level of violence rose markedly after democracy negotiators, on July 2, set next April 27 for South Africa's first all-race elections. The latest incident happened just before talks in Johannesburg between the African National Congress, and the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party.

It was disclosed yesterday that Victor Kheswa — the so-called "Vaal Monster" — who died in police custody on Saturday, had belonged to an an extreme right-wing organisation, the World Preservist Movement. He was also a member of Inkatha.

Kheswa died after being arrested with three other men by a special police unit that investigates violence and unrest. Three detectives have been suspended and a murder investigation has begun.

Residents linked Kheswa and his gang to the massacre of 38 people last year at a funeral vigil for a murdered ANC official. Last month and in April, 25 people died violently in Sebokeng and Evaton, and again residents claimed that Kheswa was responsible.

The Pretoria-based World Preservist Movement, which claims to have links with some 50 neo-Nazi organisations internationally, is contributing towards the legal costs of Janusz Walus, the alleged assassin of Chris Hani, the Communist party leader.

Chief rejects military call for new vote in Nigeria

FROM SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, IN LAGOS

NIGERIA'S military government was last night heading for a showdown with the leading opposition party and civil rights groups after President Babangida confirmed the annulment of last month's presidential elections and said new polls should be held.

The Campaign for Democracy, an alliance of 25 groups which organised pro-democracy demonstrations that brought Lagos and other cities to a standstill two weeks ago, said that it would lead a "campaign to shut Nigeria down" in protest.

Chief Moshood Abiola, the undeclared winner of the June 12 elections, said that he would not take part in fresh polls. He may also be disqualified by the government because it says presidential candidates must have been a member of their party for at least a year.

"There is only one [legitimate] government — my government. That is all there is," Chief Abiola, 55, said. "We are in the last stages of setting up total democracy. And we are not going to stop just because the army says so."

Chief Abiola won the backing of two of Nigeria's former military rulers, who demanded that General Babangida should surrender power. "In the interests of peace, justice, unity and stability, we demand that the Babangida administration be terminated forthwith," General Olusegun Obasanjo said. He spoke from a statement signed by other influential Nigerians, including General Muhammadu Buhari, who was overthrown by General Babangida in 1985.

"We demand that the election, which was universally judged to be free and fair, be upheld and the winners sworn in as president and vice-president," said General Obasanjo, the only one of Nigeria's military rulers to hand power to civilians, in 1979. Chief Abiola won 58.5 per cent of last month's vote and did well for a southerner in the north, where he took 30 per cent of the electorate for his Social Democratic Party.

Amid the jostling for the presidential prize, a schism is threatening to plunge Nigeria into chaos. Southern leaders, frustrated by the north's domination of politics, are talking of dividing the country. "They pollute our rivers and poison our soil. Now the military clique around Babangida is trying to ignore the will of the people. If we have to, we will tell the north to go their own way," Fred Agbeyegbe, a senior member of Chief Abiola's entourage, said.

Chief Abiola, however, has often insisted that he would not countenance splitting Nigeria, which could ignite a civil war — as did the attempted secession of Biafra in the 1960s, when a million people died in the fighting and famine which followed.

Abiola aides yesterday supported the Campaign for Democracy's call for mass action. "That is now the only way: people power. We will mobilise the masses to show what they think of this regime," one said.

About 25 people died in pro-democracy demonstrations when the June 12 election was annulled. Opposition leaders were yesterday fearful that further demonstrations might produce higher casualties.

Shegun Jegede, of the Campaign for Democracy, said that the organisation would ask Nigerians to stay away from work, but also to keep off the streets because it feared a military clampdown.

General Babangida, who took power in the military coup in 1985, appears to have bowed to pressure from aides and the ruling junta at the National Security and Defence Council, to prevent the handover of power to a southerner.

QUAKE OFF HOKKAIDO ISLAND LEAVES TRAIL OF DEVASTATION

Road block: lorries lie in deep fissures in the road yesterday at Oshamambe on Hokkaido island after an earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale caused severe damage. Warnings of tidal waves came too late for many coastal areas

Tremors and tidal waves kill 70 in Japan

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

KIICHI Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, broke off his election campaign yesterday to fly north to Hokkaido to inspect the destruction caused by a powerful earthquake and tidal waves that struck the region late on Monday night. More than 70 people have been killed and an estimated 170 are missing.

Coastal residential areas of Okushiri island, hit by the worst series of earthquakes, tidal waves and landslides in 25 years, also faced a terrifying inferno from household fires that swept from one wooden house to another "like dominoes", according to witness accounts yesterday.

The earthquake that triggered the mass destruction measured 7.8 on the Richter scale at its epicentre, about 50 miles off Okushiri in the Sea of Japan. The ensuing tidal waves, landslides and fires, many of which were caused by gas explosions, destroyed at least 300 of the 680 houses clustered near the shore in the southernmost town of Aonae.

With five days to go before the July 18 elections, the Japanese media halted its saturation political coverage and television stations hastily produced "earthquake specials", showing horrifying scenes of oil tanks bursting into flames, people half buried by boulders and stunned residents picking their way across the rubble of their homes. Aonae, virtually razed to the ground, resembled scenes which the Japanese are accustomed to seeing in Baghdad or Bosnia, but seldom within their own shores.

Last night, dark plumes of smoke spiralled from the smouldering fires, and distraught relatives of the dead and the missing were shown among the thousands of homeless, bedding down in blankets for the night in school gymnasiums and town halls. A security camera in a 24-hour supermarket recorded the impact of the main tremor: it showed shoppers being thrown to the floor, bombarded by falling cans and bottles, followed by entire shelving installations crashing on top of them.

But it is the household fires that seem to be causing the greatest concern, since they are reminiscent of the disastrous earthquake of 1923 which also triggered sweeping house-to-house fires, killing more than 100,000 in Tokyo and Yokohama.

"Dozens of houses in my neighbourhood caught fire one after the other," one Aonae resident told a reporter from the *Asahi Shimbun* yesterday. Another described being tossed in the air when the quake hit just after he went to bed on Monday night, and then running out to find most of the street on fire.

Two powerful aftershocks followed the main tremor soon after the Meteorological Agency had issued tidal wave warnings for the Sea of Japan coasts of Hokkaido and the Tohoku region of Honshu, Japan's biggest island. In many cases the warnings came too late.

The speed and ease with which the fires spread, and the level of unreadiness of local fire stations and relief and rescue teams on Okushiri island, and in affected areas of Hokkaido and Honshu, have badly shaken a nation that is supposed to have been preparing itself for at least 20 years for the imminent arrival of a severe earthquake, now expected to strike by the end of the century.

☐ **Seoul:** Heavy rains in South Korea killed four people, bringing to 12 the number of deaths since Sunday. Up to ten inches of rain fell in two days. Ten-foot high tidal waves, triggered by the quake in the Sea of Japan, destroyed about 60 fishing boats along the eastern coast. In several coastal towns, people fled to high ground as their homes were flooded by sea water. *(AP)*

CIA blunder allowed shaikh into America

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE mystery of how the radical Shaikh Omar Abdel Rahman was allowed into America, despite his alleged links to terrorism, has been solved. It was a CIA blunder, according to Washington officials yesterday.

An investigation by the State Department and the CIA has found that an agency officer, working under cover as consul in the US embassy in Khartoum, unwittingly approved the shaikh's request for a tourist visa in 1990.

By leaking the secret report, officials were trying to quell speculation that the CIA had arranged for Shaikh Abdel Rahman to enter America as a reward for helping the intelligence agency to recruit Muslim rebels to fight against Soviet forces in Afghanistan. Followers of the blind Egyptian cleric are under arrest in New York awaiting trial for the World Trade Centre bombing and for last month's alleged plot to bomb city landmarks and tunnels. The shaikh is in prison facing deportation, having lost his plea for asylum.

The report said that the CIA officer authorised the visa after a consular clerk, a local employee, assured him incorrectly that the shaikh's name was not on the State Department's list of foreigners ineligible for entry. The CIA agent did not recognise the name, even though the shaikh was known to counter-terrorism officials for inciting a riot and for his acquittal on charges connecting him with the assassination of President Sadat of Egypt. The American embassy in Cairo had rejected six visa applications before he slipped through.

The CIA denies any connection with the shaikh in Afghanistan. Officials said he was affiliated to a rebel faction that was mistrusted by the CIA and did not travel to Pakistan, the agency's staging point for Afghan guerrillas, until after the war.

Officials have admitted that Shaikh Abdel Rahman managed to stay in America by lying on his application form. He omitted to mention either the Sadat acquittal or that he was a polygamist. Members of Congress are demanding an enquiry.

Disney clan attacks drunken bully image of biography

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

IN A blistering statement that would make Snow White blush, the family of Walt Disney has dismissed as "fantasy" a biography portraying the film-maker as a drunken, anti-Semitic bully who acted as an informer for the FBI during the anti-communist McCarthyite years.

Disney's 94-year-old widow wreps2and daughter released documents this week denying he snooped for the FBI, along with statements from former bureau officials, including William Webster, its head from 1978 to 1987, exonerating the studio chief. They also claim there are more than 150 "glaring factual errors" in the biography by Marc Eliot, *Walt Disney: Hollywood's Dark Prince*, which was published last week.

The angry refutation by the Disney clan is the latest salvo in an increasingly ugly dispute over what Disney the man, as distinct from Disney the product, was actually like. Eliot's biography paints a picture of an individual who was about as far removed from the cheery image of his

Disney: accused of links with FBI and Nazis

films as it is possible to get. Citing government documents, the author alleges that for 26 years Disney informed on suspected communists in Hollywood, and was designated a "special agent in charge" by the FBI. Disney even allowed the bureau director, J. Edgar Hoover, to vet such subversive films as *The Mickey Mouse Club*, Eliot says. According to the files, Disney was permitted to film at FBI headquarters in Washington as long as the bureau was depicted as "something children would look up to".

The biography lists a barrage of accusations: while imposing strict standards of behaviour on his staff, Disney downed great quantities of bourbon; he claimed to be the sole creator of Mickey Mouse, when the inspiration for his most enduring character was at least partly, if not solely, the work of Ub Iwerks, an early collaborator and subsequent rival; he used a known gangster and associate of Al Capone to break a strike at his studio; and attended American Nazi party meetings.

Eliot has dismissed the attacks on his book by the Disney clan as "the same tactics Walt Disney used with people who disagreed — that is, to attack their integrity".

Diane Disney Miller, 59, his daughter, said in a statement: "I consider this book — which ironically veers more into fantasy than my father's work ever did — to represent a character assassination of a great man who brought joy to people around the world."

Tokyo power battle

Dynastic rebel woos voters

BY JOANNA PITMAN

OVER the next five days, Shoichi Ide will grapple with what could be the most challenging election campaign of his political career. The ruling Liberal Democratic party is unlikely to retain its majority in Sunday's general election, according to an opinion survey.

Only 180 of the party's 285 candidates are assured of victory, while 70 face a tough fight. Even if they are successful, the scandal-plagued Liberal Democrats would fall short of the 256 seats required for a majority in the 511-member lower house.

As the third generation of a dynasty that has represented the ruling party for almost 40 years in this tiny town in the foothills of the Japanese alps, Mr Ide must persuade his conservative farming supporters that his defection three weeks ago from the party to found a radically new organisation was the right thing.

For a year, Mr Ide had been plotting with nine colleagues to initiate the reforms that the party leadership had repeatedly promised but never delivered. The group had secretly planned their defection for this autumn, but the dissolution of parliament on June 18 after a no-confidence motion spurred them to action.

"My constituents are astonished. The Ide family name has always been an LDP name, but now I am preaching radical change. They are interested in our ideas to introduce a more transparent and less money-dependent political system, but more important is that they trust and believe in the Ide name," he said.

Mr Ide may be introducing revolutionary concepts, but he is doing so according to tradition. "One day I plan to get rid of all this paraphernalia and these ridiculous campaigning methods. They are largely meaningless but are still expected of a candidate," he said, donning a huge emblazoned jacket and sash, pinning a pink rosene on his lapel, and pulling on a pair of white gloves that are supposed to assure his audience that he is not corrupt.

Into the loudspeaker-laden campaign van we piled, along with a team of six decorative young ladies in white gloves, jackets and "We will win" headbands. We sped off at cracking pace along narrow lanes fringed with apple orchards and rice paddies.

The white-gloved ladies shrieked on into their microphones: "This is Shoichi Ide! Please vote Ide! Come out of your houses! He is here to greet you." Elderly men and women came scurrying out of their wooden houses and from beneath indigo bonnets and battered old straw hats, weather-beaten faces creased into toothsome smiles. Everyone knows young (54) Shoichi.

"The decision to leave the LDP was very difficult, and I wavered and suffered for a long time. I do not regret my move, but I've left behind a debt of loyalty, and my task is harder without the financial support of the LDP machine." He has borrowed £200,000 from banks, putting up his own hefty slab of property in Tokyo as collateral.

The prime minister's wife and the Russian lover. Did she betray the West? **Nicholas Bethell** reports

Seduced by the KGB

Norway's normally quiet political scene is today shattered by suggestions that its greatest statesman of modern times, Einar Gerhardsen, was for many years subject to influence from the Soviet Union as a result of a sexual relationship between his wife and a KGB agent.

Gerhardsen, who was (with one short break) prime minister for 20 years after 1945, is revered as the "grand old man" of Norwegian politics and as "Norway's Ernest Bevin". However, a retired KGB general, Bogdan Dubensky, now claims to have arranged for the seduction of Gerhardsen's wife Verna when she was on a visit to the Soviet Union. As a result, he says, she was for several years a source of high-level intelligence to the Soviet embassy in Oslo.

Mr Dubensky says: "It was my greatest achievement in intelligence and it showed what a fine espionage body the KGB can be. Over the years we had many very influential agents — Burgess, Maclean, Philby, Blunt. But in this case I was in a position to know what a Nato prime minister was saying in his bath."

Gerhardsen rose from the chairmanship of the Road Repairers' Union in 1919 to be Mayor of Oslo when Germany invaded in 1940. He spent most of the war in Sachsenhausen concentration camp. As prime minister, he built up the welfare state as a model of Scandinavian social democracy. He died in 1987 at the age of 90, 17 years after his wife.

"There have always been rumours about Verna Gerhardsen," a Norwegian government spokesman says. "She was a good looking woman, a lot younger than her husband, and rather left wing. In the 1950s she was leader of the Labour party's youth organisation and she had a plan to forge links with the Soviet Union's 'Young Pioneers'. It was through this that she developed a circle of Russian friends, as everyone in Oslo's public life noticed."

In 1954, Mr Dubensky says, Mrs Gerhardsen travelled with a youth delegation to the Soviet Union. She was assigned a guide, a young KGB agent, called Yevgeni Belyakov. "He was a Russian bear, pockmarked and hairy and with great big hands. He was captain of the KGB volleyball team, a bit stupid, but loyal. There were only two things wrong with him. He drank too much and he had a weakness for women, although on this occasion his weakness turned out to be our strength."

The delegation spent several days in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, where it stayed at the Intourist hotel. Mr Dubensky says: "Belyakov was assigned a so-called 'plus' room. This was a hotel room with the usual furniture, plus certain special features that enabled us to record and film everything that took place.

"He spoke some English and a little Norwegian, enough to say, 'I love you'. We made sure that there was plenty of good food and drink for the delegation and the last evening he managed to entice her into his room. I asked him later, 'Wasn't it difficult, knowing that you were being filmed?' He answered, 'Oh no, you see, she was such a nice lady.'"

Norway had joined Nato in 1949 as a founder member but with certain reservations. It would not allow nuclear weapons or foreign troops to be based on its territory. At the end of the war, when the Soviet Union had occupied part of Norway, its troops had been welcomed as liberators from Nazi rule.

These factors, combined with Gerhardsen's undoubted socialism, encouraged Moscow to believe that the Labour government could be wooed away from the Atlantic alliance towards the path of neutrality. Belyakov's relationship with the prime minister's wife would therefore be used to further this important political objective. An early first step was achieved. In the autumn of 1955, a year after the amorous encounter in the Armenian hotel, Gerhardsen and his wife paid a visit to the Soviet Union. He was one of the first Nato leaders to do so.

Dangerous liaison: a photograph from Russian sources shows Verna Gerhardsen and Yevgeni Belyakov arm in arm

Dubensky: the retired KGB man boasts of his 'coup'

In order to develop the contact, Belyakov and his wife Nina were posted to the Soviet Union's Oslo embassy. Shortly afterwards, Mr Dubensky joined them as the embassy's KGB chief. He says: "The most important part of my job was to control the link with Verna and to make sure that it produced the maximum amount of information."

"She was never blackmailed," Mr Dubensky says. "It was not necessary. She gave Belyakov the material semi-willingly. She was one of those westerners who was not only left wing, but also fascinated by what they saw as the 'great mystery of Mother Russia'."

Belyakov told her that they had been filmed together in the hotel. He said that he had known nothing about it, that he was very embarrassed and he went on to suggest that, as a young diplomat, he needed to show his superiors how clever he was at collecting political information. She was fond of him and she agreed to help him on this basis, one favour for another, as it were, especially since he told her that none of the information was going to be used against Norway. It was needed only in terms of the conflict with the United States.

"We were instructed that she was a lady and that therefore he ought to behave as a gentleman, as a man doing his duty for his country. But sometimes he would become emotional in the Russian style. He used to tell her how much better it would be for Norway to be neutral and then he would cry and say that he could not bear the thought of atomic weapons being exploded inside those beautiful fjords."

Not all the information she passed on was secret, Mr Dubensky says. "Some of it was political analysis that could be read in the press, or merely confirmation of material we had from other sources. But through Verna we got it earlier and from the insider's point of view. She told Belyakov, for instance, about Norway's position in Nato, what stance Norway would take in the United Nations and other bodies, who was becoming important in the Storting (parliament). We worked out from that who would therefore be our next targets for KGB recruitment.

"I used to drive Belyakov to his meetings with Verna. He always lay down in the back of the car and we had another embassy car following us, to check that there was no 'tail'. They met either in the Frognor Park or in her private flat. I always left KGB men in the area, ready to give the alarm if there was any sign of danger."

The operation continued for three years and was ended only through Belyakov's other weakness — drink. One night screams were heard from his apartment and the next morning his wife emerged looking black and blue. He had beaten her up while drunk. Mr Dubensky says: "His drinking reached the stage where there was danger of a public scandal, I consulted Moscow and we sent them home."

Belyakov would now have been in serious trouble, since his bad behaviour had ruined an important operation. But General Ivan Serov, then head of the KGB, allegedly said: "We mustn't be too hard on him. He showed us great loyalty. He placed his duty to the KGB before his duty to his wife."

The Gerhardsens' son Rune is today leader of Oslo City Council and one of Norway's leading Labour party politicians. He has declined to comment.

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Holiday reading can broaden your mind, says Daniel Johnson, Literary Editor

Heathrow Airport's Top 10 bestsellers

1 Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton
2 Pelican Brief by John Grisham
3 Wild Swans by Jung Chang
4 Driving Force by Dick Francis
5 Journeyman Tailor by Gerald Seymour
6 Copper Beach by Maeve Binchy
7 The Way Through The Woods by Colin Dexter
8 Fatherland by Robert Harris
9 Happy Isles Of Oceania by Paul Theroux
10 All that Remains by Patricia D Cornwall

Literary Editor's Top 10 holiday books

☐ Paper Dreams by Stephen Glover
☐ A Suitable Boy by Vikram Seth
☐ The Secret History by Donna Tartt
☐ The Healing by David Park
☐ The Saddled Cow by Anne McElvoy
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What's the definition of an airport best-seller? A book that goes with an in-flight meal: insipid, standardised, predictable. The mere mention of most authors who cater for the airport market elicits a groan of weary recognition from the very people who go on buying them. Airport books are a joke and an embarrassment — but they are also big business.

The truth, as the airport booksellers know, is that many of us behave rather oddly when we fly. Whether due to nervousness, exhilaration, or sheer tedium, our habits alter — including our buying habits. Why else do otherwise sober-suited businesspersons rush round the duty-free shops looking for expensive liquor when they would normally drink mineral water? Why is "adult fiction" bought at airports by educated, well-read *adults* — the sort who would blush if their colleagues from work spotted them reading a sexy novel on the tube?

There are, in fact, good reasons why the books we buy at the airport differ somewhat from those we buy in the high street. For one thing, airports thrive mainly on paperbacks: lightweight, disposable items which do not even need to be taken off the plane. The airport book is a special treat for many people, especially women, who read voraciously but normally borrow books from the library rather than buying them. They go for quantity rather than quality: such books tend to be chunky: the fear of boredom on an aircraft causes people to buy novels which are usually longer than they need be. It may therefore be the kind of book that one does not have to finish before discarding.

The classic airport book needs an episodic plot with a series of climaxes, but requiring a minimum of concentration: in literary jargon, a picaresque novel.

Now the picaresque novel is, of course, the oldest genre of all: Daniel Defoe, for instance, was a master of this form. *Robinson Crusoe* was the first proper thriller, while *Moll Flanders* was the first in a long line of novels catering tastefully for male fantasies, which flourishes in the airports today. *A Journal of the Plague Year* was early (and excellent) "faction": an imaginary but well-researched account of a horrific recent disaster. Had Defoe, who also has a claim to being the first professional journalist, lived today, he would have outdone Lord Archer, Jilly Cooper, Shirley Conran *et al*.

On the list of Heathrow bestsellers are, of course, thrillers or crime novels that are riding on the back of a film or television series (such as *Jurassic Park* or *The Way Through the Woods*). There are also, however, several books which are rather more "serious". *Wild Swans* by Jung Chang, for instance, is a real-life saga about the martyrdom of 20th century China. *Fatherland* by Robert Harris, too, is a thoughtful novel about a world in which Hitler has won the war. While firmly in the thriller genre, it is also a disguised warning against the revival of national socialism: despite its success, no German publisher would touch it.

Paul Theroux's *Happy Isles of Oceania* is an upmarket travel book by one of the leading practitioners of the genre, who does not pander to his mass readership: writing about this book in *The Times*, Pico Iyer wrote that "he makes no attempt to ingratiate".

Another encouraging development of the past couple of years is the inclusion of shelves of serious literature (often under the rubric "classics"). So instead of the usual kind of blockbuster you could, for instance, sample the first new translation of Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment* since it first appeared in English (in Everyman hardback at £10.99 and Vintage paperback at £6.99). Or you could try any one of the recent prize-winning literary novelists that are now out in paperback: Jeff Torrington, Michael Ondaatje, Adam Thorpe, Andrew Barrow, David Park. Or there are the much-ridiculed but in many cases talented 20 Best Young British Novelists.

A long journey is an opportunity to be adventurous: not just abroad, but in the imagination too. This summer holiday, why not try a real writer you have always meant to read, but never actually did? You might surprise yourself.

How to be great and good

Ten steps that will put you on the path to power and glory

RACHEL KELLY

WHEN Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull arrived at Heathrow in the late 1960s, no cabbie would take them into town. Several decades later, the nation has already started saluting Mr Jagger's forthcoming 50th birthday, which will no doubt appear in the birthday column of *The Times*. As one profile concluded, Mr Jagger has very nearly become part of the Great and the Good.

He hasn't quite made the G and G club yet — he is still more great than good and his entry in *Who's Who* is conspicuous by its absence. But he is getting there. He has done time helping with a government-sponsored event, National Music Day. His wife, Jerry Hall, is not only beautiful but also serves on an increasing number of committees. And his hair is definitely on the cusp of turning grey.

The G and G club is gradually recruiting more and more members from diverse fields of achievement. Mixing with the traditional worthies are the big businessmen who were made acceptable by Margaret Thatcher, like Lord King of Wartnaby and Lord Young of Graffham, and who edged aside more traditional G and G members like Sir Ian Gilmour. Pop stars jostle with retired ambassadors. Former headmasters mix with "celebrities".

There has been an explosion in club membership. More and more places on government quangos need filling. Health authorities, education authorities, opted-out schools, housing associations, the Housing Corporation, all need G and G candidates on their boards.

This has left aspiring do-gooders with, at once, more opportunities, and the need for clearer guidance. Such information is far more useful than any attempt to define exactly what it means to be a G and G member, which is near impossible. The point is to enjoy the fame. As Milton wrote: "Fame is the spur that the clear spirit doth raise/ (That last infirmity of noble mind)/ To scorn delights, and live laborious days." And society gets free legwork thanks to man's vanity.

Here are a few tips that Mr Jagger could take note of (even if he has missed out on a few stages), and he will undoubtedly become a club member, enjoying all the glory without any need to know exactly what he is doing or why.

1. Choose the right parents. Get step one right, and steps two and three follow naturally. (Go to the right school and the right university, which still means Oxford or Cambridge.) It helps if you are black and female.
2. Become involved with fund-raising for your old school and old university almost as soon as you have left. You will thereby expose yourself to generations of former pupils, who can become patrons.
3. The only difficult committee to get onto is the first one. Once on board, all committees lead to more committees. The local health authority leads to the regional health authority and so on. It is assumed you must be good at something.
4. Choose your committees carefully, a judicious mix of charity work; *something a little high* profile (your cause must be a fashionable one — keep an eye on what the Princess of Wales is involved with); and something a little, but not too, political.
5. Politicians only truly become G and G members when they are politically neutered — viz Lord Jenkins and even Lady Thatcher. If you are too political, you risk isolation if the wrong party stays in power too long. But get to know your MP through the local association, eat strawberry teas and rubber chicken and become interested in "issues". In time, your MP is bound to put your name forward for . . . another committee.
6. Wives of MPs and ministers are a useful back door to political influence. Sandra Howard is Queen Bee at the moment; Rosemary Lamont's star has waned.
7. Even if you are not on a committee, leak the idea that you are on the short-list.
8. *Meanwhile, back at your job* make money. It is not essential to be rich to become part of the G and G, but it helps; as does throwing good parties (viz Jeffrey Archer).
9. Join clubs, and network. Remember, make friends on the way up, because you never know when you might need them on the way down.
10. You should by now have a title or an honour at the very least. This in turn will lead to more attributes of G and G membership: an entry in *Who's Who*, a trophy wife if you are a man, a famous husband if you are woman. Last but not least, set up a committee to lobby you into *The Dictionary of National Biography* on your death.

Fashion takes a nosedive in departure lounges. **Julia Llewellyn Smith** on how to tone down for liftoff

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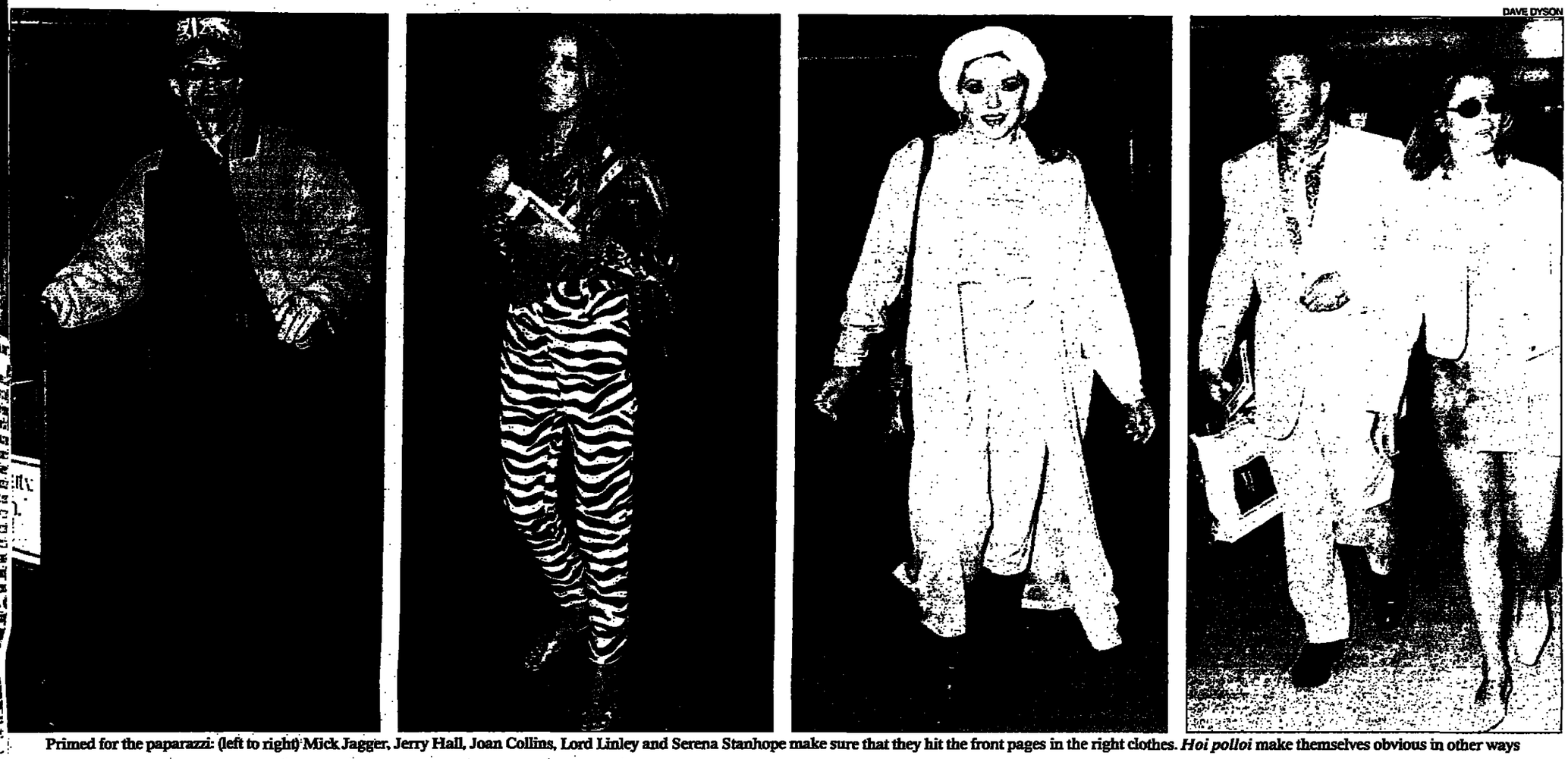

Primed for the paparazzi: (left to right) Mick Jagger, Jerry Hall, Joan Collins, Lord Linley and Serena Stanhope make sure that they hit the front pages in the right clothes. *Hoi polloi* make themselves obvious in other ways

Flights of fancy at the airport

Yesterday, I was ashamed to be British. We had not lost at football, or cricket or tennis, we had not devalued the pound or withdrawn from the EC. None of our politicians had been discovered *in flagrante* and Emma Thompson had not announced she was about to make a new film.

Instead, I was at Gatwick, the busiest airport in Britain after Heathrow, where the British public slumped, snored and stared at the flashing screens as they passed the interminable gap between check in and take off.

In their working lives, these people are probably models of understated elegance. But, once a year, sartorial restraint is lost under a pile of holiday brochures, traveller's cheques and Diareze.

The woman on the Clapham Omnibus might wear a linen skirt, silk blouse and Gucci loafers all in different shades of beige, but the woman on the Gatwick Express will invariably be dressed in gold, peep-toe sandals, tangerine slacks, dotted with green sunflowers and a magenta sweatshirt upon which the motif, Ricky's Disco '74, is still faintly visible. Every exposed bit of flesh is freshly waxed and has the luminous, bumpy appearance of a newly-plucked chicken.

Her companion has offset his lime-green and black shell-suit bottoms with a Hawaiian shirt, whose design echos an aerial view of the Texas *chainsaw massacre*.

A spell abroad seems to do little to broaden style horizons. If anything, returning holiday-makers look even worse than their outgoing counterparts.

Arrivals halls are littered with homecomers in hot pants and halter necks, desperate to give their tan as much exposure as possible and forgetting that the perfect outfit for the disco in Magaluf rarely doubles up for the long-term car park at Luton.

"The English on holiday represent the worst side of how we tend to look," says Sarah Walter, a fashion editor at *Harpers and Queen* magazine. "The problem when they travel is they think 'no one will see me' and make no effort."

"When I arrive at the airport I always look around and think 'I don't want to die with these people'," says Sarah Doukas of the Storm model agency. "They are the flotsam and jetsam of humanity."

James Murray, a spokesman for Virgin Atlantic Airways, whose chairman, Richard Branson, is not noted for a formal style of dress, defends people's choice of airline wear. "People dress to be relaxed and in that they are following the advice of the airlines. We tell customers not to wear tight or restrictive clothing for their own comfort. Our in-flight beauty therapists advise people to put their feet in paper bags to keep the *circulation going and to put* cucumber on their eyes."

Unfortunately to the British, relaxed is the antithesis of chic. "They think they want to be comfortable, so they decide to wear their favourite kit, which usually consists of a holey, paint-splattered jumper and scruffy track-suit bottoms," says Miss Walter.

The problem is that most Britons cannot see the point of buying a new holiday wardrobe when they know it will only be on display for a fortnight, so the same T-shirts and pedal pushers are wheeled out, year after year. A Mintel report recently revealed that the British spend less on clothes than any other country in Europe. When they do buy, they tend to go by the unwritten rule that holiday clothes must follow the spectrum of colours of a packet of Opal Fruits.

Iain R. Webb, fashion editor of *The Times* says: "Travellers should always wear dark or neutral colours that don't draw attention to themselves. On Saturday, the entire fashion world assembles at the airport to catch the 'couture express' to the collections. Everyone is in black and white; we look like a bunch of nuns on tour."

What else can we do to combine comfortable travel with observing the aesthetic proprieties? Ms Doukas follows the example of her models and wears trainers, sweat pants and a big jumper, enhanced by smart jewellery and a jacket to wear on arrival. "On the 'plane, I spray my face and dollop on moisturiser constantly. I am very narcissistic. I never touch alcohol and eat very little. I would love to get legless because I hate flying, but I don't dare because I would end up looking like a pink-eyed rabbit."

Nonetheless, it would have taken more than the strip lighting of JFK airport in New York to prevent Ms Doukas from spotting Kate Moss, the most super of models, among the hordes at the check-in. "She was wearing jeans and no make-up, but she still shone out," she sighs. Jeans and no make-up may be fine for the majority who have no wish to be spotted emerging puffy-jowled from a ten-hour flight, but they are of no help to an aspiring starlet.

Dennis Stone, an airport paparazzo, who has been trawling the corridors of Heathrow for nearly 50 years says: "We're not interested in a pair of trousers; we want a *low-cut dress and high heels*. Sex sells newspapers and if you come off a 'plane showing all your bits, then that guarantees publication. "Brigitte Nielsen came off in a tracksuit the other day and that was no good at all; we all want to get a flash of her lovely legs."

GUIDE TO UNFLAPPABLE FLYING

DO
Take dark glasses to make yourself look important
- Wear fabrics such as jersey or Lycra that do not crumple
- Carry an all-enveloping coat: camouflage on arrival
- Stay cool by wearing as little as possible
- Keep an overnight bag and a water spray close at hand
- Carry socks, unless you want to walk around the plane barefoot
- Consider sleeping pills
- Tell the airline staff not to wake you for the sales trolleys
- Slap on moisturiser
- Carry a smart jacket to slip on at check-in: if you look smart, you have more chance of being upgraded
- Get style tips from pictures of Joan Collins. "She always looks immaculate," says Dennis Stone, an airport paparazzo

DON'T
Wear open-toed sandals. Your feet will not thank you when they are run over by a trolley
- Wear linen or any fabric that creases
- Wear anything that inhibits going to the lavatory. This includes body stockings, dungarees and swimsuits
- Wear tight shoes. Your feet will swell on the plane; if you take the shoes off, they may not get back on again
- Wear nylon or rayon; airports are full of static
- Get drunk. Alcohol is far more potent at altitude and is dehydrating
- Wear bright colours; brown, black, grey and navy always look smarter
- Wear anything that stains easily — airline meals tend to splatter everywhere
- Get style tips from Gazza, who always seems to equate arriving at Heathrow with going to the beach
- Shave on the plane. Wait until you have landed and nip into the first washroom while waiting for your luggage

What's made of straw, has been seen perched on women, and was the rage at the Glastonbury festival?

Panamas back on stream

Classic: the panama (right) on Test duty

Elgar wore one. Churchill used to paint in one. The panama hat has always had a special place in the Englishman's wardrobe, but with all the major hatters of London reporting rising sales, it seems to be undergoing something of a revival.

The current vogue for the panama transcends its traditional limits in fogeydom and on the occasional catwalk. Sales naturally rise around summer events like Henley and Wimbledon, but who could have foreseen that panamas would have been so much in evidence at the Glastonbury festival?

At the more conservative end of the market, Tim Boucher, of the hatters Bates, of Jermyn Street, has noticed that many people who might have worn a boater in the past nowadays prefer the panama's soft straw and light weight. But more radically he comments: "We now even have some ladies among our customers." Alex Baker of the Genuine Panama Hat Co, a mail order firm, has just dispatched one to a customer in Azerbaijan. He also supplies many of the South American Ambassadors and clients in America.

A panama hat plays a leading role in a Yellow Pages advertisement currently appearing in a repeat run on television. In a former advertisment in the same series, a writer attempted to track down copies of his out of print work on fly fishing. So powerful was the advertisment's appeal that a minor publishing boom ensued, with the book in question, *Fly Fishing* by J.R. Hartley, being hastily written and rushed to the bookshops. It has now sold over 80,000 copies. So can the power of television be thanked for the panama's popularity?

Not according to the panama purveyors. "If anything," says Mr Baker, "the popularity of the panama prompted the advert." The panama does not rely on its old world elegance alone for its success. Mr Boucher believes that self preservation may play a part, "because of the increased concern about overexposure to the sun and the ozone". He believes that his customers are taking a more responsible attitude to protecting themselves in hot weather and alight upon the panama as the optimum piece of headgear, striking as it does an ideal balance between being useful and being elegant.

REAL panamas are made in Ecuador from fine *toquilla* straw and then finished off in the UK. There are two styles: the ridged, which can be rolled up, and the more elegant wide-brimmed trilby. At the top end of the market, James Lock of St James's will custom hand-make a Monte Christi for £300. Their off-the-peg model goes for £90. The Genuine Panama Hat Company has a classic trilby which costs £49.95, while their roll-up panama with its own case is £59.95.

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■ The feud direct and defence chivalric are what the aristocracy is for

What exactly is an "ex-stepmother"? I suppose we shall never know, now that Comte Jean-François de Chambrun has written to *The Times* denying the allegation (in other newspapers) of a rift between the Princess of Wales and his bride Raine, the former Countess of Spencer. Between shifts as a dinner-lady in Zimbabwe, the princess was reported to have disowned her step-mother, declaring her "ex" in much the way that John Cleese declared the dead parrot "ex". But it now seems that the countess has not quite ceased to be. According to her loyal and obliging husband, she may yet sip coffee again with HRH at Kensington Palace.

Gossip columnists will now have their say, liberally quoting friends, aides and sources close to. But the truth of the matter is less important than the rituals of this little flurry. There are few things that amuse the English more than an aristocratic feud. Real or imagined, the acid remarks attributed to the princess were the stuff of courtly intrigue, a classic example of the aristocracy parading its squabbles. Next, the Comte de Chambrun's gallant letter to *The Times* illustrated the opposite tendency in the upper class: a flawless act of chivalry and sincerity by the knight errant to protect the good name of his lady.

This is as it should be. This is what aristocrats are meant to do. They propagate and claim to live by a strict code of conduct. They slay the occasional dragon, defend the occasional damsel and disappear once in a blue moon to fetch the Holy Grail. Keeping up appearances is important, as the Comte de Chambrun appreciates. Had there been a *Times* to write to in Arthurian days, Sir Lancelot would surely have penned a letter to the Editor claiming that rumours of a rift between himself and the king were completely unfounded and that he and Queen Guinevere were just good friends.

Historically, chivalry has been the rulebook of the aristocratic life rather than its reality. In truth, blue-bloods have always been a reckless, quarrelsome lot, breaking the rules and each other's bones with abandon. Indeed, medieval historians have long acknowledged that chivalry was mostly window-dressing, a means of making more bearable the appalling way that the nobility and gentry behaved towards each other.

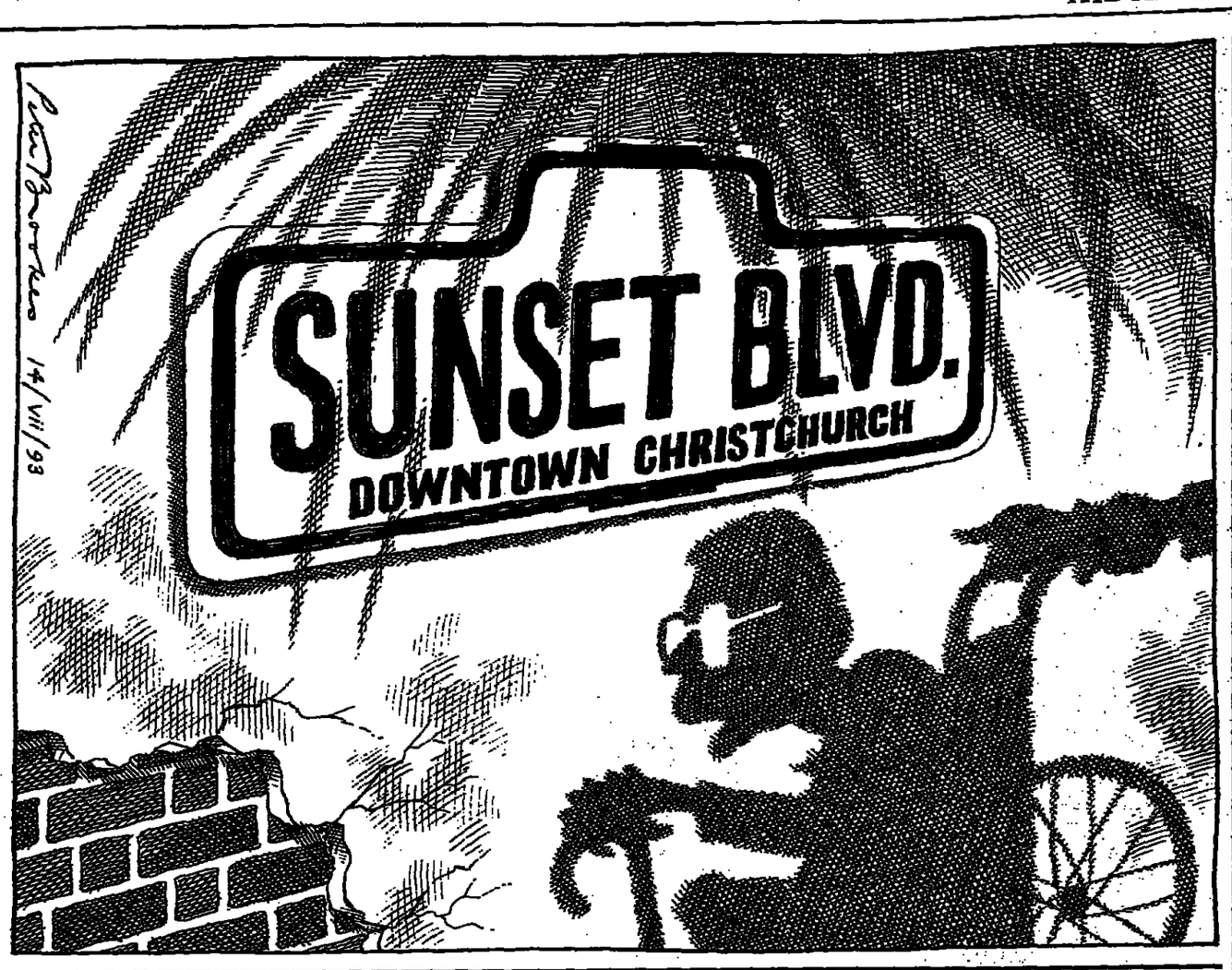
In 1464, for instance, the great Portuguese families of Solis and Monroy were so rude to each other at a wedding that they sparked a bloody feud which swept the Iberian peninsula for years. In his spare time, Sir Thomas Malory, the great chronicler of the Arthurian code, was a complete bandit whose creative talents were nurtured by a long spell in prison. The aristocrats he wrote for rarely behaved as well as the aristocrats he wrote about. When they weren't reading about knightly protocol, they were ignoring it.

James VI of Scotland put it well when he complained about the upper crust "banging it out bravely" to settle their disputes. He would not have been remotely surprised by this week's claim that the future Queen was feuding bitterly with her stepmother. Ostracism, bitterness, insults: is that not the aristocratic way? When Matthew Arnold wrote that the nobleman's mansion was a "great fortified post of the barbarians", he recorded a great social truth. The fact that chivalry requires aristos to pretend otherwise is neither here nor there.

So the English longing for a blue-blooded scrap once in a while is not merely voyeuristic (although nobody would deny its entertainment value); it stems from a folk memory of how the upper classes used to behave before they had to do socially responsible things such as debating Maastricht long into the night or looking after stately homes for English Heritage. It harks back to a time when the threat of aristocratic feuding was the only form of law and order — what anthropologists call "the peace in the feud".

That is why the rumour that the Princess of Wales had ostracised one of her relatives filled the British momentarily with a nostalgic sense of well-being. As long as the palaces of the great still echo occasionally with the noise of bickering and insults, all is well with the world. There is nothing like a good aristocratic row to keep the classless society at bay a bit longer.

Alan Coren is on holiday.



Seven against Tokyo

The backroom boys of international politics met in secret to discuss the discussions among G7 leaders

Simon Jenkins

The Group of Seven world leaders returned from Tokyo this week after discussing the global economic crisis. They promised to behave better and ate much sushi. The summit sherpas packed their bags and the spin-doctors set off for home well-satisfied.

But what of the alternative summit held the same weekend (let us call it the Z7)? Leaderologists gathered from around the world at an undisclosed venue to discuss the calibre of those at the G7. Their conclusions were not flattering. Pygmies, anti-heroes, men of no vision were among the kindest epithets heard. But the leaderologist is a pragmatist. Machiavelli, McLuhan and MORI are his gurus. History is his guide, prayer his only recreation. Where the G7 has sherpas, Z7 has lamas. The agenda was constructive.

The chairman opened the conference, pointing out that "Not one of the G7 leaders can claim a popularity rating above 38 per cent. How can they possibly rule the world with so little consent?" It was the job of leaderology to restore democratic legitimacy to world leadership, or they could "kiss goodbye to the Gatt round and the new world order". He sat down to thunderous applause.

The scene was doleful. Delegates from Japan and Italy pointed out that their leaders were either in custody or ought to be. Those from France and Canada said their leaders had just been thrashed at the polls. Britain's John Major was less popular than any prime minister since 1938. Germany's Chancellor Kohl was no better off. President Clinton's first 100 days had been a disaster. As smug communiques came in from Tokyo, delegates shook their heads. Talk of Bosnia was received with groans, as was that hardy perennial, "progress on trade liberalisation". A psychologist warned that many leaders were so weak as to be showing symptoms of "compensatory aggression syndrome". This involved seeing non-white people on television and wanting to bomb the hell out of them.

The conference subgroup on Britain, however, was a gem. Experts detected not one John Major but two: Major Major and Major Minor. The former had been studied since he took office in November 1990 as an intelligent, competent prime minister of the new, understated type. He had shown dignity during the Gulf war, had chaired the 1991 G7 summit to widespread praise, had cleverly abandoned the poll tax and won concessions at the Maastricht summit. Despite the handicap of a deep recession and a party 13 years in office, he won a surprise election victory in 1992.

On leaving the ERM last autumn and successfully blaming his Chancellor for it this spring, he seemed set fair for an electoral recovery. Major Major was said to be liked by his colleagues. He was hard-working and decisive. He kept "pushing through with his policies", a concept beloved of the British political élite. When he executed a U-turn, he did so with frankness. His team was nice and did not eat babies. Cabinet business was dispatched efficiently. He was a marked contrast to many other leaders.

This was what leaderologists call "the John Major as known to his friends". The other John Major, Major Minor, was a different kettle of fish. He was in big trouble. In public he could get nothing right. Each passing event seemed to wrong-foot him: pit closures, Maastricht referendum, Mates resignation, *New Statesman* libel, VAT on fuel, the future of pensions. Whereas Margaret Thatcher spent her summers performing a graceful slalom down such banana skins, Mr Major crashed to the floor on each one. He got a dreadful press. Cartoonists portrayed him as weak, grey and lacking authority. His popularity in the latest MORI survey was just 20 per cent, and his government's at 10 per cent — both historic lows. His party, down to 25 per cent support, had dipped below the mid-term slumps seen in 1981 and 1985.

Could these two John Majors ever be reconciled in the electorate's mind? The leaderologists saw little problem. The conventional wisdom held that with the end of the nuclear threat, people had come to treat their leaders with contempt. When they are lied to, as over taxes, or made poorer, they feel more free to condemn leaders who pledged the opposite. Opinion polls and non-crucial elections (such as local ones) are the regular vehicles for this punishment. Countries with governments that are corrupt (Japan and Italy) or built on immature or fragmented constitutional bases (France, Germany, America) face political instability when they punish weak leaders in this way. But this does not necessarily mean that electorates will throw such leaders out of office.

By comparison with most of his contemporaries, Mr Major's predicament was seen as none too serious. He need only hold onto his hat and develop the hide of a rhino. The Essex University election model, which relates economic confidence to voting patterns, should soon show Tory fortunes improving, along with an improvement in economic expectation. Nor is there much sign of the true threat to the Tories: Tory protestors defecting to Labour rather than the Liberal Democrats. As at Newbury, a Liberal Democrat victory this month at Christchurch will mean nothing so long as Labour does badly.

On this showing, Major Major's qualities will sooner or later draw the poison from Major Minor. He is almost certainly a political recovery stock just now. His best bet would be to emulate his predecessor, ignore the media altogether and concentrate on resting and debugging his cabinet and Downing Street team. Whenever he shows himself hurt by criticism — as he does in almost every speech — he invites another bite. Paranoia is bad for any leader's authority. What the Tory party wants now is not another Mrs Thatcher, nor even another leader, just a successful version of John Major.

Yet whatever our leaderologists may say, Mr Major is not likely to switch to psephological autopilot from now until the next election. In particular, he is menaced by the most serious threat to any Tory leader, a potential successor waiting in the wings. Nor can a leader be content with gazing round the G7 summit table and murmuring, "Gosh, at least they are all in bigger holes than mine".

The G7 leaders are accused (for instance in this week's *Time* magazine) of lacking qualities displayed by their predecessors, notably Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan. These qualities have been famously misunderstood. Ideologically, they were rooted in a paradox known as "strong leadership Conservatism": a belief that government is bad and should be reduced, yet that political leadership should remain strong and be vigorously enforced.

Mrs Thatcher, blessed with the Cold War, with a Falklands war of her own and with the first blast of privatisation, managed to espouse both wings of this paradox. She seemed to be devolving economic power to markets and consumers while at the same time bullying big interest groups such as the unions and foreign countries such as Russia and Argentina. In doing so she increased the power of the state, centralising public administration under the Treasury, curtailing the freedoms of public and voluntary institutions, local councils and the professions, and centrally regulating even what she privatised. She was centraliser and privatiser and bully, and the mixture proved politically potent, for a while.

Those she upset took the medicine because her authority induced them to believe it was doing them good. Today the medicine is, if anything, worse, but the doctor has vanished. Instead Mr Major seems all too eager to discuss the treatment and adjust the prescription if desired, but not withdraw from his role in the case. The consultant, the lecturer, the lawyer, the policeman and the small businessman all feel the presence of government far more intensely than two decades ago. Government is in every sense bigger than it was then.

The way for Mr Major to bring his public persona more into line with his private one is to expose the paradox that Mrs Thatcher represented but never resolved, that of strong leadership Conservatism. Having rightly helped to force reform on the political, professional and voluntary institutions of Britain, he must now reduce the role of the state in their affairs. And in his speeches — which are currently deplorable — he must at least seem to understand this process.

At least John Major still has this opportunity, which is more than can be said of most of his G7 colleagues. Then perhaps *Time* magazine will stop portraying him as a tiny head poking out of a huge grey suit.

Presiding instead of reigning

The BBC needs vision, not ideology, says Ian McIntyre

John Birt may not know this, but when workmen started excavating for the foundations of Broadcasting House in 1929, they got a nasty surprise. Underneath the blue clay, at a depth of 50ft, they uncovered a century-old main sewer. It ran from Hampstead in north London to the Thames, and although it was an immensely solid brick structure, it would clearly not bear the load of John Reith's "temple of the arts and the muses". There was nothing for it but to encase it, foot by foot, in a reinforced concrete sheath.

Sixty-four years on, there are those who think that the BBC's 12th and most controversial director-general is engaged in a dotty parody of that ill-fated exercise. They also believe that his attentions are not confined to the fabric. As the concrete showers over them, many of the staff are struggling vigorously.

At the weekend, Bill Cotton, the former managing director of BBC Television, attacked Mr Birt's belief that the corporation's core activity was journalism. Yesterday, one of the BBC's best-known journalists received a standing ovation for a speech in which he spoke of a personality cult, a sense of fear among the staff and a "high premium on sycophancy".

The BBC's spin-doctors were quick to point out that Mark Tully knows a great deal about India, but rather less about the corporation he has represented there since the 1970s. Mr Tully may not have said anything new, and his view of the BBC through the prism of Indian politics is certainly idiosyncratic, but he has redirected attention to a number of important issues. The biggest issue of all is the personality and management style of the director-general himself.

Mr Birt has sometimes been described as Cromwellian, and this has led some of his placemen to hint coyly at parallels with the greatest of his predecessors. They do not bear serious scrutiny. It is now known that John Reith was a seriously flawed personality, but he was indisputably a man of vision. John Birt, as his director-generalship progresses, gives an increasingly convincing impersonation of a zealot. Reith and the best of his successors — Haley, Jacob, Curran — knew that they were servants of the public interest. Mr Birt, much more narrowly, appears to see himself as the servant of an idea.

When Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC's shrewd chairman, went on *The Nine O'Clock News* to defend his appointment of Mr Birt in the summer of 1991, he puzzled many by homing in on his "experience of the commercial side of the industry". Mr Birt seems in fact to have offered Mr Hussey the prospect of an orderly workforce all marching to the same drummer.

It was obtuse of the chairman not to grasp that Mr Birt's arid didacticism about programmes has little to contribute to the quality of the output. The old BBC joke about an instruction being no more than a basis for discussion masks an important editorial truth. It is a truth which seems to have remained concealed from both Mr Hussey and Mr Birt: although they are unalike in many ways, each brings to his work a singularly authoritarian temper. The best BBC chairmen — J.H. Whitley in the 1930s, Michael Swann 40 years later — saw their role as analogous to that of a constitutional monarch, and behaved with appropriate detachment. Mr Hussey has performed much more like an executive president.

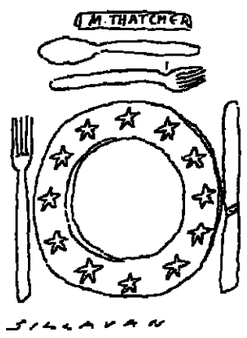
The BBC's chairman and director-general both appear to be in a state of invincible ignorance about the true nature of public service broadcasting. Their condition offers a vivid and depressing illustration of the organisation's loss of corporate nerve and its progressive amnesia about what it is there for. Well said, Tullysahib.

The author is a former controller of Radios 3 and 4. His biography of Lord Reith will be published in September.

Quite a TV dinner

BARONESS Thatcher, whose appointment with European destiny arrives today, may shortly command a far greater stage than that offered by a rebellious House of Lords.

Plans are afoot to film Thatcher at a candlelit dinner party in the United States with her old friend Ronald Reagan, Henry Kissinger and Milton Friedman, the monetarist guru. Two dates have been pencilled into her diary: one in September and the other during the American promotional tour of her memoirs, which come out in October.



Bill Buckley, the founder of the *National Review* and veteran presenter of the American political chat show, *Firing Line*, is organising the supper. Buckley will have the unenviable task of trying to control the flow of conversation around the dinner table.

The dinner is scheduled to last for about four hours but, with subjects expected to range from Bosnia to Maastricht and from Clinton to Major via Bush's disastrous election campaign, could go on much longer. The resulting conversation will be condensed into 60 minutes, which will be sold to an American television station for prime time broadcast.

Bill Buckley's office is cautious about discussing the proposals. "It was talked about in February. It is is now on hold," is the official line. But an aide in Lady Thatcher's office says: "They are talking about Ronald Reagan's place at California or even Washington. It could be as early as September or during the promotional tour. They are talking dates. But we are a bit frantic and cannot give a firm commitment just yet."

DIARY

Horror story

JOHN Birt's problems clearly do not end with Mark Tully. Chris Horrie, author of *Stick it up Your Punter*, the inside story of life on *The Sun*, has secured a publisher for an exposé of life at the BBC — *Fuzzy Monsters: Fear and Loathing at the BBC*.

According to Horrie, however, who is co-writing the book with freelance journalist Steve Clarke, it will "not be a bumper book of BBC gossip. It is a drama, a story about people. It is dramatic because everyone cares about the BBC. Many people are almost obsessed with it."

The book will be published by Heinemann next spring, to coincide with the end of the consultation period on the BBC's future, and will tell the story of the corporation from Marmaduke Hussey's arrival as chairman in 1986 until now.

The title refers to Sir Michael Checkland's attack last year on Hussey, who he said was too old to lead the corporation into the next century — "When we are talking about FM, I want to be talking about frequency modulation not *fuzzy monsters*". A suitable title. Horrie feels, because "the book contains some fairly monstrous figures".

● *The Birtian regime at the so-called Big Brother Corporation is said to be considering a rating system to monitor the performance of journalists who report on its affairs. Media correspondents could well fall under Birt's watchful gaze, but Mark Tully need not fear — the BBC's own reporters are not included. Yet.*

By the rules

THE NATION'S best known industrial troubleshooter, Sir John Harvey-Jones, appears to have encountered difficulty in persuading the country's business bible to adopt his managerial philosophy.

On Monday at a party to celebrate the 150th anniversary of *The Economist*, Harvey-Jones admitted that the magazine, of which he is chairman, has broken two of his golden business rules. "Anything that is called an institution, I am rather concerned about. And also anything that spends money on its headquarters." *The Economist* qualifies on both counts.

The former chairman of ICI knows he too is becoming something of an institution. So he's retiring from the job next year.

Badgered

BEING a badger is uncommonly tough nowadays with such workaday hazards as motorcars, baiting and hostile farmers to avoid. But being a badger in the New Forest is about to become a whole lot tougher, it seems.

The New Forest District Council has just insisted that planning permission is required for a specially constructed badger set in a private garden backing onto the forest. The glass-sided set, erected two years ago by the garden's owner, artist Alistair Kilburn, has only recently fallen foul of officialdom. Kilburn has therefore dutifully applied to the council formally, pleading for the "continued use of land in connection with badger watching".

The council warns sternly that badger watching "does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in the area", and Kilburn is understandably worried. "I take groups of people into my garden at night, and we sit and watch nature in absolute silence. I can't think of anything more inoffensive," he says. "It defies logic." Not at all, says the council: "We had a complaint so we looked into it. And we decided planning permission was needed."

That's how the world wags

He may have been keeping a low profile lately in the House of Commons, but Michael Mates is no shrinking violet when it comes to controversial meals. The former Northern Ireland minister (*right*) was spotted in hearty spirits yesterday at a smart hotel in London's West End, enjoying a meal with Simon Regan, the editor of *Scallywag* and two other members of the magazine's staff.

What this conspiratorial gathering of John Major's scourges could have talked about, one can only guess — for Regan insists that it was an "off the record" chat. But John Major's libel action against the magazine is now imminent and must have cropped up in conversation.

Mates was apparently on splendid form. "He was excellent company, really good fun," says Regan (*left*). "We had two courses and two bottles of wine between the four of us — which isn't too bad." Mates's office in the House of Commons, however, was reluctant to comment on his private luncheon arrangements.

UNCHARTED TERRITORY

In Somalia the UN needs to be more forceful

Great courage was shown yesterday by Somalis helping to retrieve the bodies of the four journalists murdered in Mogadishu. These were individual human acts but they should at least qualify some of the more simplistic assumptions that the UN's Somalia operation has become a war of occupation.

Three of the bodies had been moved to parts of the city where the Somali warlord's gunmen range freely, far from the scene of the UN's original airborne assault on the command centre used by General Farah Aidid. It seemed that the General may have planned to use their corpses as bait for another ambush on UN troops. The rescuers, at great risk from sniper fire, spoke for the great majority of Somalis who know that *the country's only hope lies not in negotiating* with warlords who have everything to lose by peace, but in destroying their power.

After 20 years of brutal dictatorship and two of armed anarchy, ordinary Somalis still live in constant threat of assassination by bandit groups and have fewer qualms than Western liberals about a short battle for a long peace. The UN must stand by them in return, resolute in its protective mission and partisan only in defence of their *desires to reconstruct their shattered lives* without hindrance. That must mean establishing UN control by steady patrolling in appropriate strength, not occasional sorties from the UN's heavily fortified compounds coupled with excessive reliance on airpower.

The UN's attacks on the strongholds and armouries of General Aidid, the warlord who holds sway in southern Mogadishu, are not turning him into a symbol of anti-colonial Somali nationalism. He is only one among warlords, and his writ extends for no more than a few miles. He can summon crowds in the south of the city, but there were pro-UN demonstrations in northern Mogadishu after the UN's first strikes against him last month. His enemies are not limited to rival warlords. Across the country, hundreds of thousands have lost family members to gunmen or starvation: they do not forget that it was General Aidid who for months used the control of Mogadishu's port to enrich and arm himself while people starved.

The tougher mandate given to the UN forces last month, after General Aidid's men killed and mutilated 24 Pakistani solders in a deliberately planned ambush, was not only justified but overdue. But in using force, the UN must be seen to be carrying out last month's overdue pledge to take decisive action to rid Somalia of heavy weapons and restore security to its streets and countryside. Every operation must be planned with this in mind.

It is no easy matter to create law and order when both the modern machinery of government and the traditional hierarchies of clan power have been all but destroyed. The journey is to uncharted territory. It bears little relation to standard peacekeeping. The UN secretary-general has had to utter barely veiled rebukes to Italy and other governments whose troop commanders have taken to disputing field tactics. There is not yet the cohesive administrative *and logistical chain of command which was* the Americans' strength in the earlier Operation Restore Hope. In the beginning the Americans made considerable headway in convincing the rival warlords that force would be met by superior force. But, because they failed to capitalise on their success by destroying their arsenals, this created no more than a breathing space.

The UN, therefore, needs to be more forceful, not less. The taming of General Aidid is indispensable, but only as part of a broader strategy of striking hard against all the warring factions without discrimination. Confidence will revive when, and only when, Somalia ceases to be a giant arms dump in a wasteland of misery.

THIS SIDE OF THE WATER

Brussels should not regulate British water standards

John Major has claimed that the doctrine at the heart of the new Europe is "subsidiarity" — the idea that political decisions should be taken at the lowest level of government competent to implement and oversee them. If this is so it is hard to see what business the European Commission has in imposing standards for drinking water in Britain — except that Brussels is still as obsessed as ever with imposing on all EC members whatever "minimum standards" may be agreed by any small group.

In the case of drinking water and effluent pollution, there is a strong case for international agreement on regulations among the core European countries which share the waters of the Rhine and Rhone basins. But such regulations, apart from those covering airborne and seaborne pollutants, need not affect Britain.

In the days before Maastricht, Brussels would defend such interference on the grounds that exempting Britain from such regulations might lower industrial costs and give British businesses an unfair advantage in competition with their continental rivals. The British response should be quite clear. If Britain can enjoy less environmental regulation than, say, Holland because it happens to be an island rather than an area of low land lying at the mouth of the Rhine, these are inherent national differences. For the EC to try to "harmonise" them away is no more sensible than trying to make Dutch the official language in Britain on the grounds that English gives London banks an unfair advantage over those in Amsterdam.

Since Maastricht, however, the nascent European Union has developed a new interest in "social" issues. It is now argued that *Brussels must protect the health of the* British people if Westminster refuses to do so. This argument is at the heart of the Friends of the Earth campaign — and it is one which any politician who believes in subsidiarity must reject. The purity of British drinking water ought to be settled in Britain. If the environmental lobbyists want British nitrate levels reduced they should lobby the British government and put their arguments to British voters. Brussels should play no part in this debate, except as a source of scientific evidence, to be considered alongside other expert opinions.

The pity of the Friends of the Earth campaign is that its case against the water industry has some intrinsic merit. But the crucial issue is not whether British water standards need improvement, which in many areas they clearly do, but how those improvements ought to be financed.

The present structure of water charges was introduced mainly to facilitate privatisation and reassure potential investors in water companies who might be put off by Labour Party threats of renationalisation. To minimise risks to investors, the financial regime discourages water companies from borrowing money for long-term investments, allowing them to raise charges instead. This is irrational and unjust. Since *investments in water will deliver benefits to* customers for many decades to come, they should be financed mainly by borrowing or new equity capital. Higher charges should be levied on today's customers only to pay the dividends and interest on the new capital, not to provide the capital itself.

The charging regime of the water industry is due for review next year. A better financial structure could do much to resolve the tension between the public's desire for better water and *its resistance to ever-higher bills.* But that has nothing to do with Brussels.

A SPAN TOO FAR

Strength comes first, beauty is an incidental quality of bridges

British bridges are a disgrace, according to the Royal Fine Art Commission's report of its seminar on bridge design. And the Department of Transport is blamed as the chief villain, in charge of all those ponderous and badly proportioned slabs. There have been lost opportunities, we are told, for spectacular spans at such important crossings as the M25 at Dartford, the East London Thames crossing at Woolwich and the bridge over the sea to Skye. What we have instead are industrial Lego constructions across the face of well-loved, or at any rate well-known, friends. In a potential golden age of bridge-building, heralded by new materials and technologies, Britain is said to head the international league of ugliness.

Is this criticism not a little excessive, even, as it were, "over the top"? The traditional magic of a bridge is that it conveys its traffic safely to the other side. As the old proverb puts it, let every man praise the bridge that *carries him over. After safe* crossing, beauty comes as a bonus. Old London Bridge was admired as a medieval wonder of the world not for its aesthetic qualities — its slums along both sides, its traitors' heads on spikes at the southern end and its outworks of piles which caused waterfalls at ebb tide. It was rated a wonder because it spanned a broad river with a fierce tide and lasted for so many centuries.

There are 50,000 major bridges in the United Kingdom, most of them carrying unlovely motorways and trunk roads on their way. The Department of Transport's suspension bridges over the Humber, the Forth and the Severn are still in the top dozen in the world for length and strength and beauty. But not all can be expensively and individually designed by bespoke architects.

Economy and efficiency are their virtues. The old bridging techniques were of span, cantilever and suspension; the old materials were of stone and brick; together they made it almost impossible to build an ugly bridge. But monstrous and continual modern traffic needs stronger bridges. New materials and the new techniques of box girder and cable stay are producing longer and stronger spans.

Because of their expense, bridges are built to last longer than other buildings. Yes, there should be a competition and a single *mind to design a grand bridge, such as* Sydney Harbour or the proposed Gibraltar Bridge linking Spain and Africa. Lesser motorway bridges should be built by the strongest and most elegant systems of mass production devised by architects and engineers. The architects and aesthetes of the Royal Fine Art Commission are right to insist on the beauty of bridges. But the Department of Transport has a duty too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parliament votes on Maastricht

From Viscount Furness

Sir, I live in Switzerland as a tax exile and, although in receipt of a writ of summons to the House of Lords, have taken advantage of the privilege of asking for, and being granted, leave of absence for the present Parliament. Therefore, I shall not be in my place for the vote on Maastricht tomorrow, as I think it would be improper for me so to do.

Further, I feel that the whips, by scouring the highways and byways of four continents for lobby fodder, as you report today, are fanning the flames of the opponents of a partly hereditary House of Parliament.

We all know taxation without representation to be abhorrent. So, surely, is whipping in tax exiles as "representatives".

Yours faithfully,
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July 13.

From Mr John Yates-Smith

Sir, The iniquitous way in which the European Community divides up its ill-gotten gains is reflected by the generous share allocated to the island of Corsica.

While it is true that the islanders' declared revenue is below the European average, their real income, savings and expenditure are evidently well above it, certainly higher than in Britain.

It is a national joke in Corsica that everyone obtains a subsidy for something — for dairy-farming when they have no cows, apiculture if they have no bees — and they feel that it would be churlish to embarrass their benefactors in Brussels by pointing out that in spite of all the grants their island of milk and honey produces neither!

The town of Aberaeron recently allowed the EC to present it with a wonderful bridge which leads nowhere, and spoils the view in doing so, but we Welsh have always been great exponents of Beggar thy Neighbour sans Frontières. Until the English learn to play, they will continue to pay a great deal into Europe and to get precious little out.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN YATES-SMITH,
93 Cornwall Gardens, SW7.
July 7.

From Mr John Parfitt

Sir, The objection to the Maastricht treaty is that Parliament is trying to do two things which are unconstitutional: to bind its successors, and to make British subjects subject to rules which Parliament has neither passed nor properly scrutinised. It is therefore quite proper for us to deny the legitimacy of this and to refuse to be bound by it.

If neither Lords nor Crown come to *the rescue, a group should be set up* which will campaign and demand of all candidates of whatever persuasion at all future (by)elections that if returned they will vote for the immediate return of all powers improperly sent to Brussels, a review of all legal decisions made under those powers, retrospective legislation to reverse them if necessary and a policy that actions, whether civil or criminal, between British subjects or firms *registered here will be determined in* the British courts and nowhere else.

The group will need to be headed by some person or persons distinguished enough to command the cross party-support which it deserves. It should avoid domestic issues and pledge itself to disband once our constitution has been repatriated. It would certainly divert the (Tory) party subscription of

Your obedient servant,
JOHN PARFITT,
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Painswick, Gloucestershire.
July 12.

From Professor Lord Beloff, FBA

Sir, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP (letter, July 10), regards as "dottiness" a reference to the action of the French National Assembly in 1940 in connection with the Treaty of Maastricht. Why?

Faced with the military débâcle of that summer, the French National Assembly abrogated its own powers so as to create a new regime that could seek shelter under the wings of the victor. Our House of Commons, faced with grave domestic economic and social issues, has shown itself willing to surrender its own law-making powers to a set of foreign bureaucrats.

As General de Gaulle was to prove, the action of the National Assembly did not represent the deepest instincts of the French people; if consulted the British people would equally repudiate Maastricht and the whole gospel of "European integration" of which Mr Dykes is so tireless a propagandist.

As an historian, I know that parallels are never exact — but this one is too close for comfort.

Yours faithfully,
BELOFF,
House of Lords.
July 12.

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Arts Council policy and investment in music and dance

From Ms Libby MacNamara

Sir, It is not, of course, the Arts Council's job to decide how many orchestras there should be (report, July 9); the market will decide. But it *is* for the Arts Council to decide how best to invest public funds to support the *art form to the highest possible level of* excellence, and to ensure that the artistic criteria which it has decided to promote are fine ones. In the areas of programming, commitment to new work and education activity in the widest sense, Britain's orchestras lead the world.

The council has been characteristically vague about its intentions for the redistribution of the money to be saved by its peremptory decision to axe its funding of two of our major orchestras, as yet unidentified.

It is exciting to hear Anthony Everitt, the council's secretary-general, proclaim publicly that the council intends to support two London orchestras in order to achieve a level of international excellence such as that enjoyed by the Berlin Philharmonic. He would receive three cheers from this quarter if the total current grant to all four of London's symphony orchestras were to be trebled in order to come anywhere near the £11 million received in public funding by the Berlin Phil.

Yours etc,
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July 9.

From Mr Denis Vaughan

Sir, John Major and David Mellor must be heartbroken to realise that their creation, the Department of National Heritage, is becoming the worst engine of destruction the British arts world has known. Ballet and theatre companies, and now orchestras, are being stamped out whilst the expenditure on bureaucrats in the arts increases. The DNH itself will cost £30 million this year and art administration £16 million, whereas a mere *£5 million cut in subsidy to the Arts* Council has caused havoc.

The creative spirit which inspired Sir Thomas Beecham and Walter Legge to found the three threatened orchestras, the London and Royal Philharmonic orchestras and the Philharmonia, must be utilised to make the presence of the arts grow in daily life in London and throughout the land.

Our company is collaborating in the preparation of an economic study to help HM Treasury see the way to increasing state funding to the arts, sports, environment and tourism and also to eliminating the tax on the national lottery. The first phase of this study will be completed in September, in time for the November budget.

May we urge the government through your columns not to finalise the destructive measures in the artistic world until this study has been completed? *If London were to rival* Munich in musical matters, it would have 21 orchestras and ten opera houses, all playing to packed houses.

Yours etc,
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July 10.

From Mr Robert Breckman

Sir, Only now has the proposed cutback by the government of £5 million in its budget prompted the Arts Council to react. Over the years the council has acquiesced to government to an astonishing degree. If it had really been there to protect its clients and was receiving less subsidy than was required, why then did its members not resign wholesale? But they didn't and each year the council has assumed more and more the persona of a lap dog, as arts funding diminishes in real terms.

It is patently obvious that more is brought into the Treasury by means of taxes and tourism than is repaid in the form of grants, but the government has refused to accept the *pari passu* principle. Now, more than ever, survival has become an art form in itself.

Yours faithfully,
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July 9.

From Dr Peter Brinson and others

Sir, The future of professional dance in Britain is threatened more seriously than at any time this century. The international reputation and national benefit of 50 years' achievement in dance may be lost because more than two-thirds of local authorities today no longer give discretionary awards for vocational training or else offer them at levels too low to be of effective use. Dance schools face closure for lack of grants and the teaching expertise which has raised British dance to such high levels is being dispersed.

All this is not primarily the fault of local authorities but of the constraints placed by central government on local government expenditure. Rather than hide behind the fiction that government cannot tell authorities what to do we ask the government to discuss urgently with authorities *this year* how to ensure that money provided for discretionary grants reaches the young people for whom it is intended. In the longer term we ask that the system be reorganised so that the talent upon which the future of dance depends ceases to be subject to the variable priorities of local authority circumstances.

In urging this action we are following the lead taken by the Arts Council. We know we have the support of all the major dance companies and schools who are too numerous to sign this letter.

Yours sincerely,
PETER BRINSON,
TESSA BLACKSTONE (Chairman,
Ballet Board, Royal Opera House),
ANTONY DOWELL
(Artistic Director, Royal Ballet Company),
CHRISTOPHER GABLE
(Artistic Director, Northern Ballet School),
IAN McGARRY (General Secretary,
British Actors Equity Association),
MARION NORTH (Chairman,
Conference of Professional Dance Schools),
VICTORIA TODD
(Director, Council for Dance
Education and Training),
PETER WRIGHT (Artistic Director,
Birmingham Royal Ballet),
Council for Dance Education
and Training (UK),
5 Tavistock Place, WC1.
July 10.

Feelings on childbirth

From Mrs Libby Clapham

Sir, I, like Mary Ann Sieghart ("The worst pain I can imagine", July 1), had a Caesarean delivery for my first child also by epidural anaesthetic after a long and painful labour. I was surprised by the profound grief I felt for my apparent inability to give birth naturally.

For my second birth I also had only gas and air. I, too, gave birth kneeling and had excruciating pain for part of the labour.

But never would I choose to give birth by Caesarean section again — to be recovering from a major abdominal operation, to be ill during the first important weeks of my new baby's life.

Seven years later I still wake up some mornings and think: "I did it." If Ms Sieghart has another birth she can choose to have an epidural. If I have another I can choose to have a painkiller-free delivery. Neither is "better" than the other.

Yours faithfully,
LIBBY CLAPHAM,
The Rectory, Lympstone,
Exmouth, Devon.

From Mrs K. C. Ridges

Sir, My first son was born in hospital after a six-hour labour and two pethidine injections and the whole process felt as if it was happening to someone else.

My second son was also born in hospital after a nightmarish 23-hour labour in which the midwife seemed to think that heavy doses of painkillers would "knock me out", instead of which they made it harder for me to control the pain.

My GP was sympathetic when I requested a home birth for my third babe. She was born in the presence of her brothers, her father and two kind, helpful midwives, after a six-hour labour, during which I did not have any gas, air or painkillers, though it was nice to know that they were there if wanted.

Yes, the pain is bad, and I was exhausted, but all that disappeared when my daughter arrived. For me, natural birth was simply that.

Yours sincerely,
K. C. RIDGES,
4 Rosehill, Montague Road,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Alyson Ripley

Sir, A woman's pride in the birth of her children should come not from stoic, if unnecessary endurance, not *from smugly believing that by using* analgesia she avoids being duped by birth "gurus". It should come from the knowledge that, given the circumstances of the birth, she had the knowledge and the support to make the best decisions in the interest of herself and her baby.

Yours faithfully,
ALYSON RIPLEY,
73 Chapel Road,
West Bergholt, Colchester, Essex.

Historic houses

From Mr Michael Pearce

Sir, It can only be good news if both the Prince of Wales and the prime minister take an interest in the future of Britain's historic houses (report, July 3).

What are these "pressures on the 1,450 important country homes still in *private hands"? No Grade I listed* building has been lawfully demolished in recent years. Some have lost their contents, it is true. An extension of statutory listing beyond that which is fixed to include, say, those items which were designed for the house, may be thought desirable. An extension of the tax incentives for maintenance funds would be helpful.

The reported figure of 1,450 does not, so far as I am aware, equate with the number of historic houses of outstanding importance, that is, those listed Grade I or even II*. It is, however, the same as the figure cited in a Budget submission by the Historic Houses Association in November 1991 as the number of "listed buildings and their associated land (park, farm, estate) occupied by the same family for two generations or more".

Preserving historic buildings, and retaining at least some of their contents, is difficult enough. Keeping their owners and their descendants in residence as well may sometimes be thought desirable, but it is not always possible.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PEARCE
(Honorary President,
Association of Conservation Officers),
52 Hollows Close,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Left to chance

From Mr S. Gorley Putt

Sir, As a fellow of the college of the Platonist Henry More, and one year older than Lord Rees-Mogg, I rise to the latter's invitation to comment on his account (July 5) of Maeterlinck's *"unknown guest". During my years* as senior tutor I would advise my pupils that since life is so tragic, it is a mistake to take it seriously.

My own "unknown guest" had long ago told me that any attempt to plan one's life in advance was as impious as it was futile. Newspaper columns usefully reduce our statistics to Births and Deaths. We can control neither of these in advance: each is wholly accidental. If this is so, then planning lesser things is quite absurd.

Yet leaving things to chance may become fairly positive if we awake every morning with a "thank you for the benefit of another night's sleep". Taking things as they come implies a hope that they will continue to arrive — for how long, we cannot tell. Gratitude has become an unfashionable virtue: people clamour for "rights" while ignoring "duties". I have a feeling that gratitude may be one of the blessings bestowed by our "unknown guest".

Yours etc,
S. GORLEY PUTT,
Christ's College, Cambridge.
July 5.

Crozier disclosures

From Sir Peter Tennant

Sir, Brian Crozier (letter, July 8) suggests that Nicholas Elliott would *no longer merit the epithet "notori*ous" if, after getting Philby's confession, he had arranged "for a start, a discreet 24-hour surveillance of Philby".

How on earth was Elliott, when he was in Zaire, to put together a team of trained men to watch Philby; and how could such a team prevent Philby, with all his expertise in eluding surveillance, walking off stage to Moscow?

Whether or not the British at the time wished to be spared the embarrassment of revelations in a court of law, the revelations were bound to come, as they did in Moscow later in an active measure orchestrated by the KGB disinformation service, with the express intent of causing maximum embarrassment to the British government.

None of this can be said to have damaged Nicholas Elliott's reputation.

Yours sincerely,
PETER TENNANT,
Blue Anchor House,
Linchmere Road, Haslemere, Surrey.
July 7.

From Mr Michael Ivens

Sir, Brian Crozier mentions the late Desmond Donnelly's attempts to create a new Democratic party. Desmond unveiled his ideas at a small dinner party in the early 1970s attended by the late Maurice Buckmaster, Lord (Ralph) Harris of High Cross and me. He asked for our participation.

I was off to Latin America and sent a note to Desmond saying I did not think the time was right. Later I bumped into Maurice Buckmaster and asked him what he had done. He turned rather green and said he had become treasurer.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL IVENS,
40 Doughty Street, WC1.
July 8.

Opera and cricket

From Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP for Manchester, Gorton (Labour)

Sir, Rodney Milnes's enthusiastic notice of *The Secret Marriage* (July 12) made me look forward to seeing Cimarosa's opera at the Buxton festival later this month. But why did Mr Milnes describe phantom cricket strokes as "anachronisms" in Jonathan Miller's production?

Cricket has been played in this country at least since the 16th century. By Cimarosa's 18th century the game was very much in vogue with the nobility: the Earl of Sandwich used to wager on cricket matches. Count Robinson would very likely have taken almost as keen an interest in cricket as he did in Carolina, the secret bride.

Yours sincerely,
GERALD KAUFMAN,
House of Commons.
July 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 13: Mr Richard Ralph was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Riga.

His Excellency Mr Chang Hee Roe was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Korea to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Yang Chun Park (Minister), Captain Sung Joong Kim (Defence Attaché), Mr Kyung Jin Park (Culture and Information Attaché), Mr Young Chul Choi (Counsellor), Mr Kook Ho Shin (Counsellor), Mr Dong Man Han (Second Secretary), and Mrs Jeong Kyu Lee (Third Secretary).

Mrs Chung Ja Roe was also received by The Queen.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Governor of South Australia was received by Her Majesty.

Major Thomas St Aubyn was received by The Queen and delivered up his Stick of Office upon relinquishing his appointment as Lieutenant of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

The following Officers of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms were received by Her Majesty: Lieutenant Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt, who delivered up his Stick of Office as Standard Bearer and received his Stick of Office upon his appointment as Lieutenant, and Major Sir Fergus Matheson of Matheson, Bt, who received his Stick of Office upon his appointment as Standard Bearer.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory MP was received by The Queen and delivered up his Wand of Office as Treasurer of the Household.

Mr Gregory Knight MP was received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Treasurer of the Household and received from The Queen his Wand of Office.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were present.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The Bands of the Coldstream Guards and the Corps of Royal Engineers played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Lady Elton has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 13: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon attended the Compaq Polo Trophy at the Guards Polo Club, Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, the Royal County of Berkshire.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 13: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this morning attended a Presentation at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this evening opened the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Galleries of Later Mesopotamia and Ancient Anatolia and attended the Annual Dinner for Patrons at the British Museum.

Mrs Robin Benson and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 13: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Leukaemia Research Fund, this morning visited the Preleukaemia Unit, the University of Wales College of Medicine, Heath Park, Cardiff, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards).

His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon attended a lunch given by the Wales Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the Park Hotel, Park Place, Cardiff, and later visited Huntleigh Healthcare (Cardiff) Limited, Portmanmoor Road, Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, with the Duke of Edinburgh, will attend a dinner at the Royal Society Arts at 7.15 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Queen becoming Patron and the Duke becoming President of the society.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00. Prince Edward, as trustee, will be present.

The Prince of Wales, as Chancellor of the University of Wales, will officiate at the degree ceremony at the University College of Wales at 10.20; will visit Conway at 12.40 and Llandudno at 1.05 to meet people affected by the recent flooding; and, as Patron of the Almshouse Association, will visit Hosyer's Almshouses, Ludlow, Shropshire, at 4.55.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of the Scots Guards, will attend a dinner at Queen's Guard, St James's Palace, at 7.40.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Royal Naval School of Marine Engineering on HMS Sultan, Gosport, at 10.00; and, as patron, will attend the Yehudi Menuhin School's 30th anniversary concert at the Festival Hall at 7.35.

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will attend the annual day of the Royal School, Hampstead, at 2.30.

Reception

Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals
Dr David Harrison, Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom, Dr Kenneth Edwards, chairman-elect, and members of the committee were the hosts at a reception held yesterday in the College Garden, Westminster Abbey. The guests included members of both Houses of Parliament, representatives of Government departments, industry, medicine, commerce and organisations connected with higher education. University chancellors and chairmen of university courts and councils were present.

Dinner

European-Atlantic Group
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the European-Atlantic Group held last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Chalfont was in the chair and the other speakers included Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald and the Earl of Bessborough. The Ambassadors of Egypt, Argentina, Romania, Bulgaria, Chile and Indonesia were among others present.

Appointment

Mr Frank Wheeler to be ambassador to Chile in succession to Mr R A Neilson.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Arran, 55; Mr Ingmar Bergman, film producer, 75; Sir Alan Cockshaw, chairman, AMEC, 56; Miss Vera Di Palma, taxation accountant, 62; Mr Paul Edderey, jockey, 30; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, 69; Sir Nigel Fisher, former MP, 80; Mr Gerald Ford, former American President, 80; Sir David Hardy, former chairman, London Docklands Development Corporation, 63; Mr Illtyd Harrington, former chairman, GLC, 62; Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, 61; Lord Hunter of Newington, 78; the Earl of Iddesleigh, 61; Miss Sue Lawley, broadcaster, 47; Major-General C.A.R. Nevill, 86; Mr Bruce Oldfield, fashion designer, 43; Lord Rees-Mogg, 65; the Right Rev James Smith, Bishop of Bradford, 58; Baroness Stedman, 77; Mr Robert Stephens, actor, 62; Sir Richard Trehane, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board, 80; Mr Anthony Waterlow, chairman, Kodak, 55; Professor Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson, chemist, 72.

1993 Police Foundation Lecture

The 11th annual Police Foundation Lecture was given by the Home Secretary, The Right Hon Michael Howard, QC, MP, yesterday in Merchant Taylors' Hall, London, EC2. It was preceded by the Ernst & Young Police Foundation Awards presented by Sir Kenneth Newman. The joint winners were Chief Superintendent Tom Williamson, Metropolitan Police, and Chief Inspector Sue Woolfenden, Merseyside Police. The panel included Sir Peter Walters, Chairman of the Trustees, Police Foundation, Mr Elwyn Elledge, Senior Partner, Ernst & Young, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Chairman, Executive Committee, Police Foundation, Sir Kenneth Newman, Chairman, Research Committee, Police Foundation, and Dr Barrie Irving, Director, Police Foundation. Also presented by Sir Kenneth Newman was the Home Office Award for Equal Opportunity in the Police Service, won by Inspector Christine Bainbridge, Essex Police.

Royal press office appointments

Mr Allan Percival, Head of Information in the Northern Ireland Office, London, to be Press Secretary to The Prince of Wales from September. Miss Sandy Henney, Head of Information at the Crown Prosecution Service, to be Assistant Press Secretary to The Prince of Wales from August. Miss Penny Russell-Smith, Press Officer in the News Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, responsible for European matters, to be Assistant Press Secretary to The Queen from September 6.

School news

The Margaret Allen Preparatory School for Girls
The end of term service will be held at St Nicholas' Church, Hereford, at 11.00am on Friday, July 16. This will be the last official function for Mrs Joan Rees who is retiring at the end of term after 12 years as Headmistress. Lady Fiona Mynors has been appointed to succeed Mrs Joan Rees and takes up the post on September 1.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir Sigmund Sternberg has announced his resignation from the Labour Party after 40 years of active membership. He was a Founder of the Labour Finance and Industry Group and its Deputy Chairman. He will continue to play a leading part in interfaith work.

Church news

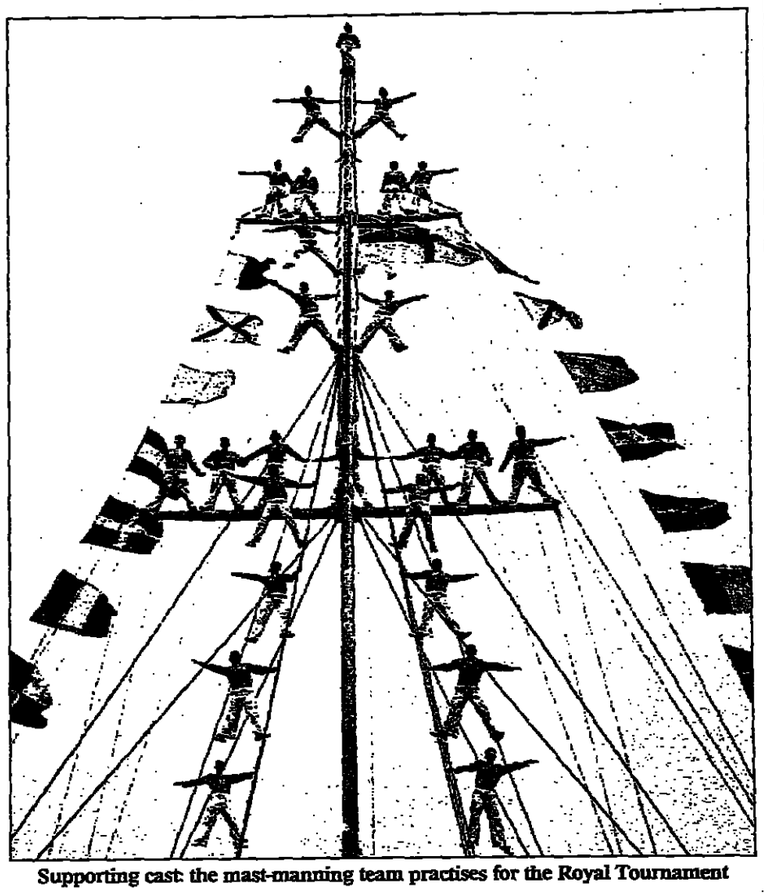
Church in Wales
Institution
The Rev Christopher John Nickless, Vicar within the rectorial benefice of Ebbw Vale, to be Vicar of the benefice of St Teilo, Newport.

Wren flies to top billing at tournament

NICKY Howard, at 28, has already gone as high as she can in the Wrens. Twice a night she will be spending 20 minutes right at the top of a 97ft high mast during what the Royal Navy still calls a mast-manning display at this year's Royal Tournament. Yesterday she and the other members of the team were busy practising their display at HMS Daedalus, the Navy's land-based training establishment at Portsmouth. "Once you're up there you feel fantastic," she says. The tournament opens at Earl's Court, London, next Tuesday and continues until July 31.

JULIAN HERBERT

Saluting post: Nicky Howard in position as Button Girl at the top of a 97ft high mast at HMS Daedalus



Supporting cast: the mast-manning team practises for the Royal Tournament

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jules Mazarin, cardinal and statesman, Pescina, Italy, 1602; Sir Robert Strange, engraver, Kirkwall, 1721; George Green, mathematician and physicist, Sneinton, near Nottingham, 1793; John Gibson Lockhart, biographer of Sir Walter Scott, Wishaw, Strathclyde, 1794; John Frederick Lewis, painter, London, 1805; Edward White Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury 1882-96, Birmingham, 1829; Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette leader, Manchester, 1858; Gustav Klimt, painter, Vienna, 1862; Gertrude Bell, traveller, Washington Hall, Co Durham, 1868; Tancred Borenius, art historian, Vyborg, Finland, 1885; Woody Guthrie, folk singer, Okemah, Oklahoma, 1912.

DEATHS: Richard Bentley, scholar and controversialist, Cambridge, 1742; Mme de Stael, writer, Paris, 1817; Alfred Krupp, industrialist, Essen, Germany, 1887; Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic (Transvaal) 1883-1902, Clarens, Switzerland, 1904; Sir William Henry Perkin, chemist, Harrow, 1907; Sir Apirana Ngata, Maori statesman, New Zealand, 1950; Jacinto Benavente, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1954; Faisal II, King of Iraq 1939-58, murdered, Baghdad, 1958; Adrien Wettach (Grock), clown, Imperia, Italy, 1959; Adlai Stevenson, American statesman, London, 1967.

The Bastille, Paris, was stormed and destroyed by the citizens, 1789.

Latest wills

Eleanor Alice Burford Hibbert, the romantic novelist Jean Plaidy, of London W11, left estate valued at £8,656,809 net. She left her estate variously to personal legatees.

Mr Geoffrey Ayrton Drain, of London NW3, general secretary of Nalgo 1973-83, left estate valued at £133,398 net.

Major William Vere Temple, of Nether Alderley, Cheshire, a former director and head of research and development with Mather & Platt, who was awarded the MC in Greece in 1941 for gallantry while destroying tactical bridges on the route of the advancing German armoured columns, left estate valued at £479,917 net.

Mr Eric Adcroft Corless, of Canford Cliffs, Dorset, left estate valued at £527,777 net.

He left personal legacies totalling £135,000, £5,000 each to the British Heart Foundation, Chartered Accountants Benevolent Assoc, British Field Sports Soc, British Horse Soc, the Officers Assoc of the British Legion, Cancer Research Campaign and the Salmon and Trout Assoc, £1,000 each to the Carmelite Monastery, Branksome Park, and "the Sisters of Mercy Night Providence Refuge House, East End, London", and the residue to the Development Trust of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn, Lancashire.

Mrs Joycelyne Gledhill Russell, of Oxford, a former librarian and tutor in modern history at St Hugh's College, Oxford, left estate valued at £153,712 net. She left £5,000 to St Hugh's College, together with certain books for the college library.

Sir Edward Warburton Jones, PC, of Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire, a Lord Justice of Appeal in Northern Ireland 1973-84 and a Northern Ireland High Court Judge 1968-73, left estate valued at £185,902 net.

Mr George Wynn-Williams, of London SW6, who for many years was obstetric surgeon to Queen Charlotte's Hospital and the Chelsea Women's Hospital and consultant gynaecologist to the Civil Service, left estate valued at £365,429 net.

Mr Michael Leo Marsh, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, left estate valued at £1,338,892 net.

He left £17,000 and effects to personal legatees, £2,000 to St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Budleigh Salterton, £1,500 to the Stone Wall Trust, and the residue to the Michael Marsh Charitable Trust formed by him and his wife in 1958.

Mr Philip Anthony Breeze, of Stambourne, Essex, left estate valued at £2,027,304 net.

He left his clothing to Oxfam, £87,000, some effects, the use of a property at Bourton on the Water to personal legatees, and three annuities totalling £25,000 and the residue equally between the Salvation Army, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, Save the Children, National Children's Home, Guide Dogs for the Blind Assoc, Wood Green Animal Shelter, Oxfam, Greenpeace Environmental Trust, Multiple Sclerosis Soc, London Assoc for the Blind, NSPCC, UNICEF UK Committee, RSPCA, Royal British Legion, Blue Cross, Redwings Horse Sanctuary and Brooke Hospital for Animals.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.M. Davis
and Miss M.A. Hutchinson
The engagement is announced between Gerald, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Davis, of Shirehampton, Bristol, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hutchinson, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr B.H. Fitzwilliams
and Miss S.C. Allan
The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Fitzwilliams, of Warfield, Berkshire, and Stephanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Allan, of Woking, Surrey.

Major J.G. Lorimer
and Miss P.A. Owens
The engagement is announced between Major John Gordon Lorimer, The Parachute Regiment, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Gordon Lorimer, of Farnham, Surrey, and Philippa, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs Graham Owens, of Fitzhead, Somerset.

Mr P.G. Masson
and Mrs R.L. le Roux
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of the late Dr and Mrs G.A. Masson, of Buchlyvie, Stirlingshire, and Rosemary, eldest daughter of Sir Richard Goodenough, Bt, of London, and of Lady Goodenough, of Midhurst, West Sussex.

Mr A.K. Wallis
and Miss V.L. Barwick
The engagement is announced between Andrew, fourth son of Mr Francis Wallis and of Mrs Doreen Wallis, formerly of Manor Farm, Winterbourne Monkton, Wiltshire, and Victoria, youngest daughter of the late Sir Richard Barwick, Bt, and the late Valerie Lady Barwick, formerly of Thimbleby Hall, Osmotherley, North Yorkshire.

Mr T.M. May
and Mrs P.D. Mackinnon
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Colonel and Mrs R.K. May, of Warwick Bridge, Carlisle, and Phillippa, only daughter of the late Mr D.A. Conker and of Mrs Conker.

Dr B.N. Panayiotou
and Miss S.M. Bright
The engagement is announced between Barnabas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Nicos Panayiotou, of Nicosia, Cyprus, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Bright, of Bolton, Greater Manchester.

Mr W. Sowerby
and Miss J.A. Morris
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mrs Jane Sowerby and the late Francis Sowerby, of Kirmington, South Humberside, and Julie Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Morris, of Wootton, South Humberside.

Marriage

Mr G. Reid
and Miss G.M. Asprey
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 10, 1993, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Mr George Reid, son of the late Mr and Mrs Sandy Reid, to Miss Georgina Asprey, daughter of Mr John Asprey and Mrs Katrina Milnes Gaskell. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Charlotte Asprey and Edwina and Lucinda Stitt. Mr James Munro was best man.

A reception was held at the Savoy and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Acid rain is destroying ancient rock carvings

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ACID rain is destroying prehistoric rock carvings in Scandinavia, according to a recent report. Agriculture and tourism are also contributing to erosion of the carvings, which date to the Bronze Age some 3,000 years ago.

"Carved rocks all over southern Scandinavia are now deteriorating at an alarming rate." Professor John Coles of Exeter University says in the Swedish journal Tor end.

The acid rain destroys the rock surface and the crisp outlines of the figures pecked into it, which include boats and sea creatures as well as scenes of ploughing and ritual activities; the art often records aspects of ancient society for which there is not other surviving evidence.

Some of the erosion is caused by painting the engravings to make them stand out for visitors: when the paint flakes off, it takes part of the rock surface with it. Professor Coles believes that a crash programme of recording engravings is needed, and that some should be buried to protect them.

The journal Antiquity, commenting on Professor Coles's warning that drastic intervention is needed, suggests that acidification of the soil in archaeological sites may also endanger ancient remains more widely.

"Is there a moving frontier beyond whose front we can no longer expect metal or pottery to survive in the long or even short term? Are neutral sites now turning distinctly and destructively acid?", the journal asks, suggesting that it might be necessary to spread lime on threatened sites to counter the effects of environmental acids.

Source: Tor 24:65-85; Antiquity 67: 191-3.

University news

Manchester

Appointments to Chairs
David John Reid, Senior Lecturer in Education, to be Professor of Education from August 1.
John Meaburn, Reader in Radio-Astronomy, to be Professor of Astronomy in the Department of Physics.
Council has granted the title of Professor of Health Services Research to David Wilkin, Acting Director of the Centre for Primary Care Research from July 1 1993.
Council has granted the title of Professor of Quantitive Social Research in the Departments of Econometrics and Social Statistics and of Sociology to Angela Dale, from September 1. (Dr Dale is Deputy Director of the Social Statistics Research Unit and Reader in Social Statistics at City University, and is to be Director of the Census Microdata Unit, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Manchester).
Christopher Stanislaus Potten, Head of the Department of Epithelial Biology in the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research (in the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute) and Honorary Reader in Epithelial Kinetics, to be Honorary Professor of Epithelial Biology in the Department of Oncology, from August 1.
Senior Lectureships
Mr P J Devine, Economics; Dr K R F Ellion, Biochemistry (in the Department of Biological Sciences); Mr C R Frankish, French; Mr T C Gibbons, Law; Dr J A King-Hele, Mathematics; Dr R F T McMahon, Pathology; Dr T A Myers, Materials Science; Dr C B Phillips, Economic History; Dr D C Taylor, Adult Education.
Appointments
Reader in Nursing, Jacqueline A Oldham; Lecturer in Law, Jean V McHale, M N Redmayne; Senior Administrative Assistant in the Finance Department, Peter King, Jane N Simonds.

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Then the Lord came, and standing there called, "Samuel, Samuel" as before. Samuel answered, "Speak, your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3 : 10 (REB)

BIRTHS

BEDFORD - On July 9th at Westminster, to Susanna (née Lawson) and Mark, a son, David Benedict James.

DOHERTY - On 10th July, to Hannah (née Longrigg) and Anthony, a son. Still arguing about the name.

MAY - On Sunday July 11th, to Amanda (née Buchanan-Dunlop) and George, a daughter, Beatrice Katherine, a sister for Xanthe and Anastasia.

MENZIES-WILSON - To James and Vanessa (née Bolton) on July 2nd, a son, Christopher (KIT).

NEWTON - To Shirley (née Pittman) and Paul, a daughter, Isabel Georgina on 6th July, a sister to Felix and Sam.

PELLING - On 12th July at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Charlotte (née Jones) and Mark, a son, Philip Henry. Always remembering Laura Mary.

ROBERTS - On July 8th to Sarah and Clive at Southlands Hospital, a daughter, Amelia Jessie, a sister for Lauren and Hannah.

RYAN - On July 11th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Catherine (née Parvley) and Christopher, a daughter, Louise Elizabeth, sadly stillborn.

STREET - On July 7th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (née Traynor) and Nigel, a daughter, Isabel Matilda, a sister for Chloe and Charles.

TOLLAN - On July 6th, to Denise (née Coggan) and Michael, a daughter, Alice Jane, a sister for Rebecca and Peter.

BIRTHS

WARNAKULASURIYA - On 12th July, to Carole (née Jantarud) and Sanjev, a son, Alexander Daniel Prasad.

MARRIAGES

RAPLEY:GLEAVE - On Saturday 10th July 1993, Alistair Rapley and Alexandra Gleave at Woolstone Church, Glos.

DEATHS

ALDRIDGE - Sandycove, County Dublin, Ireland, on July 12th 1993, suddenly at St Joseph's Hospital, Bantry, Denis Francis Collins. Dearly loved husband of Kate, Grorfriars, Bretfal Road, Sandycove, dear father of Anthony, Ann, Pat, Tessa, Mary, Christine and Frances. Well loved and deeply missed. May he rest in peace. Requiem Mass today Wednesday at 10 am in Church of the Assumption, Dalkey. Burial private.

BARRETT - On July 12th 1993, peacefully in her sleep at Axminster Hospital, Axminster, Devon, Marjorie Anna in her 93rd year of Kilmington, nr. Axminster, Devon. Enquiries please to J.F. Clarke & Son, Maryknoll, Lyme Street, Axminster, tel: (0297) 32686.

DALTON - Anne Dutton, on 10th July, at Ashley House, Cirencester, aged 96, widow of the late Captain C.E. Dalton (late of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment). Private funeral at St Peter's Church, Dunkisbourne Abbotts, Cirencester, at 2.15pm on Monday 19th July. No flowers, at her request, donations if desired to St Peter's Church. (Enquiries to 0285-650000).

DEATHS

DELKE - On 10th July, suddenly aged 78 years, Oswald Ashton Wentworth Dilke, Emeritus Professor, Leeds University. Dearly loved husband of Margaret. Enquiries, Swainson's (0423) 504571.

DUCKWORTH - On July 12th, John, beloved husband of Diana, devoted father of Anthony, Michael and Pouppet and a much loved grandfather. Funeral private Friday July 16th 12 noon, Tattersett Church. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Crossroads Care Attendants Schemes c/o Cawler & Son Funeral Directors, Highfield Road, Fakenham, Norfolk.

GOLDING - On 7th July 1993, peacefully at Epiphany House, Barisal, Bangladesh, George Golding, OBE, B.E., aged 82 years. Much loved Father Superior of the Oxford Mission in Bangladesh. The funeral at Barisal was attended by the Bishops of Dhaka and Khulna and by many Hindus and Moslems as well as Christians. Donations in his memory may be sent to the Oxford Mission to India and Bangladesh, 22 The Harrage, Romsey, Hants, SO51 8AE.

GRIFFIN - Catherine Matilde. Peacefully at her home in Oxford on 11th July 1993, aged 83 years, dearly loved wife of James, mother of Jessica and Nicholas. The funeral service will be on Friday 16th July 1993 at Keble College Chapel, Oxford at 11 am. Flowers to R.L. Bromley & Son, 145 Magdalen Road, Cowley, Oxford. tel: (0865) 792227.

DEATHS

HASTIE - On July 10th 1993 peacefully in hospital, George, loving father of Alison, grandfather of Toby, Daniel and Timothy and brother of Catherine and Donald. Reunited with Barbara. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday 19th July at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Children's Society.

HEPPER - (née Bliss), on July 13th peacefully at her home aged 66 years. Margaret Jean, loving wife of the late John, dear mother of Jane and Richard. Service and committal at St John's Church, Adel, Leeds, on Friday July 16th at 1 pm. prior to private cremation. Family flowers only by request, but if desired donations in lieu may be made to Breakthrough Breast Cancer, PO Box 2JP, London W1A 2JP.

KNIVETT - Elsie May, died peacefully at home on 10th July 1993, sadly missed.

MACRAE - On 10th July 1993, peacefully in hospital, Mary Annie McCallum of Framfield, East Sussex, aged 93 years. Beloved sister of the late Marjorie McDonald. First daughter of the Rev. and Mrs Alexander Macrae of Portree and Maryburgh. Funeral Service to take place at Framfield Parish Church on Thursday 15th July at 11.15am, followed by interment at Kilbride Scotland on Friday 16th July. Enquiries to Cooper & Son Funeral Service, Rose Cottage, New Town, Uckfield, East Sussex. (09825) 765765.

MASON - On 9th July 1993, peacefully at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital after a short illness, Dr. Stephen Thomas Mason, MA, PhD, MBA, aged 42.

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McEWEN - Died 10th July 1993, Ewen. Beloved husband of Barbara, father of Andrew, Colin and Bridget, grandfather of Kirsty and Graeme. Funeral will take place at Poole Crematorium on Friday 16th July at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Yeatmans Funeral Directors, 24 Albert Road, Parkstone, Poole BH12 2BZ. tel: (0202) 741340.

MITCHELL - On 8th July (while on holiday) after a long disabling illness, definitely borne, Joan Elizabeth 'Betty', much loved wife of Howard, mother of Timothy and Claire and grandmother of Nicholas. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday, 15th July at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Home Farm Trust, Old Quarries, Rectory Lane, Avening, Glos. GL8 8NJ.

PEEL - On July 11th, peacefully in her sleep, Stella Mary Rosamund, last surviving child of the late William and Muriel Peel, of Trenant. Loving and loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral at 11am on Monday 19th July at Bulow. Family flowers only, donations to Bulow Church.

SCLATER - On July 12th 1993, Emma Mary aged 21 years, adored daughter of Nicola and John and sister of James. Tragically killed in a car accident in France. Funeral in Newick but date not yet known. Call John Sclater on 071-409 6000 for details. Memorial Service in London in September.

DEATHS

THOMPSON - Bella, 21 June, 1993. Loved mother of Gerhard (Dec) & Margaret Grossman. Gran to Peter, Elaine, Anne, Jeffrey and Family. At Peace.

TYRWHITT-DRAKE - On July 12th 1993, Vera. Dearly loved widow of 'Tiny'. Beloved mother of Jenny and Tom, dear mother-in-law of Jane and Michael and loved grandmother of Catherine and Robert. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday July 19th at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Hulse & Son Ltd. tel: (0323) 727801.

WATSON - Roderick Anthony Q.C. (Rory) on July 11th 1993 peacefully at home in Castletown Isle of Man. Requiem Mass followed by cremation at 10 am on Monday July 19th 1993. R.I.P. Donations in lieu of floral tributes if desired to Hospice Care, c/o Mr P Vickers, St Bridgets Hospice, Douglas, Isle of Man. Enquiries please to Cringle & Coole Ltd. Telephone (0624) 853602.

WIDDOWSON - Suddenly at home in Cheltenham on 11th July, John Bartholomew aged 70. Beloved husband, father and grandfather, formerly headmaster of Larchfield School, Helensburgh and Kelly School, Dumbarton. Service of Thanksgiving at Christ Church, Cheltenham on Thursday 15th at 11:30 am. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

WILSON - On July 12th 1993, Commander Peter Sumner Wilson AFC, Much loved father of Michael, Jane (deceased) and Penny. Funeral Service to take place at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday 19th July at 2pm. Family flowers by request, donations to Marie Curie, Harestone, AR enquiries to W.A. Truslove and Son, 58 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, tel: (081) 660-2020.

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OBITUARIES

MASUJI IBUSE

Masuji Ibuse, Japanese novelist, storywriter, essayist and poet, died in Tokyo on July 10 aged 95. He was born at Kamo, Hiroshima Prefecture, on February 15, 1898.

MASUJI IBUSE might well have been awarded the only Nobel Prize for Literature that Japan has ever had (1968), and he also might well have been a better choice than Kawabata Yasanuri — after all, his masterpiece, *Kuroi ame* (translated as *Black Rain* in 1969), had not long before appeared and for many readers had made Kawabata's decadent fiction seem slight by comparison. Certainly retrospect confers the prize more deservedly upon Ibuse, a writer who, like Somerset Maugham and Georges Simenon, achieved popularity without sacrificing his creative gifts. Nothing he ever wrote was less than skilfully executed, and many younger writers — including the stupendous Dazai Osamu — looked up to him as a master, as is the usual custom in Japan.

Masuji Ibuse and a scene from the 1989 film version of his novel, *Black Rain*

Ibuse was born into a farming family, and enjoyed a rural childhood. At the age of 19 he moved to Tokyo, and spent several years studying French literature at Waseda University. Originally he wanted to be a painter, and he did undertake courses in art and art history which were to be invaluable to him. But his reading of French critics got him interested in Russian literature, and especially in Tolstoy and Chekhov. His earliest fiction, including such now famous stories as 'Confinement", eventually revised as 'Salamander", was heavily influenced by western literature, by Chekhov and by French symbolism in particular. Then in the mid-1920s, with *Koi* ("Carp"), he turned back to more traditional scenes and procedures: *he employed the techniques of* the so-called "I-novel", in which the narrator and author seem to be one, but in which in fact — as it had been perfected in Toson's *Shinsei* ("A New Life") in 1919 — the author coldly dissects the narrator's motives by a sort of sleight-of-hand.

Ibuse then became that rare thing, a fully professional novelist, who satisfied both his now considerable public and his own imaginative needs. No Japanese writer was more painstaking. He wrote both contemporary and historical novels, the latter invariably dealing with the *period before the Meiji restoration.*

Tangeshitei (1931, "Life at Mr Tange's") is a modern comedy of rustic manners, warm, compassionate and often very funny. *Sazanami gunki* (1930-38, "A War Diary"), however, written against the background of the rise of a fascism with which Ibuse wanted nothing to do, is a historical novel dealing with the escape and ultimate defeat of the 12th-century Heike clan. This, like its successor *Tajinko mura* (1939, "Tajinko Village"), a final farewell to the gentle rural way of life, had its contemporary relevance: a young *samurai's sensitivity is destroyed* when he is introduced into a barbaric new order.

Ibuse, much to his disgust, was forced to join the Japanese Army as a war correspondent. The eventual result was *Yohai taicho* (1950), translated as *Lieutenant Lookeast* in 1971, about a mad ex-officer who believes that the war is still on. This biting tale became famous in Japan, as did the compassionate and realistic *Honjitsu Kyushin* (1949), translated as *No Consultation Today* in 1961, which gives a technically marvellous portrait of a whole town by its descriptions of the patients of its sympathetic police doctor.

But although Ibuse continued to publish stories, and ceaselessly to explore new techniques, he was in the postwar years preparing himself for his major work, and the peak of his achievement, *Black Rain*, a kind of elegy — as it has been called — for the city of Hiroshima and its population. He chose a diary form, and, to very great effect, kept a tight rein on disgust, pity and protest. He first shows Hiroshima and its people in almost *pointilliste* detail: the ancient and beautiful city, the old customs sometimes ridiculously adhered to, many apparent trivialities. Then he counterpoints these with the utter brutality and absurdity of the atomic disaster. The book is a unique blend of documentary, story and poetry. Perhaps the most famous example of its ironic restraint is a description of the "marriage prospects" of a girl who is exposed to atomic radiation.

Ibuse did write poetry, as most Japanese tend to do; but his own best poetry is contained in his inimitably *laconic prose, and in the humour* which he drily incorporated into a Japanese narrative tradition which was already tending to the oversentimental and the diffuse when he arrived on the scene. When the time comes to re-evaluate 20th-century Japanese literature, Ibuse will count, along with Soseki, Toson, Tanizaki and Dazai, as one of its paramount practitioners and innovators.

THE REV WILLIAM PLATT

The Rev William Platt, joint general secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, 1948-60, died on July 5 aged 100. He was born on May 2, 1893.

ALTHOUGH William Platt formally retired over 30 years ago, and since 1961 had lived quietly in Burnham and Windsor, he had been in his day a forceful presence in the Methodist ministry. His main work may have been interdenominational — he served the British and Foreign Bible Society for a total of 31 years — but at the outset of his ministry he was a leading figure in the mission field on behalf of the Methodist Church.

He was 23, and not yet even ordained, when he first went out to West Africa to work with the Lagos District of the Methodist Church. That district in those days comprised a huge area, covering Nigeria, Benin, Togo and Ivory Coast. *Because Platt spoke fluent* French, he was sent to work initially in the French colony of Dahomey (now Benin), though it was in Ivory Coast, also then controlled by France, that he left his principal memorial. Despite having been there for a relatively short period — his first visit was in 1923 and he spent in all no more than five or six years in the country — when the Ivoirien Methodist Church held its autonomy celebrations in 1985, Platt (by then well into his nineties) was an honoured guest. It was a striking tribute to the work he had done as a young man in laying the foundations for what remains a thriving Christian community.

Bill Platt had all the gifts to be a successful missionary and it was a loss to his Church that a dispute over policy with the Methodist Missionary Society should have led to his resignation from it in 1930. He immediately, however, enrolled with the British and Foreign Bible Society and remained in Equatorial Africa as its roving field secretary for another half-dozen years. But in 1936 he was summoned back to the London headquarters to become, successively, youth secretary, home secretary, deputy general secretary and, finally (jointly with an Anglican), general secretary, a post he held until his 67th birthday.

Platt possessed considerable administrative talents and these were fully deployed at head office, as was his preaching prowess in what was then known as "deputation work". But in that he had been a pioneer in the mission field — with an early appreciation of the role of women and a zeal well ahead of his time for "church planting" — it was perhaps a pity that, from the age of 43, his career should have fallen into more conventional paths.

Nevertheless the work of what is now usually called the Bible Society, with its wide range of activities in translation *in a multitude of* languages and its close links with many countries, provided ample scope for Platt's energies. He travelled extensively throughout the world and helped form the International United Bible Societies. This organisation co-ordinates the activities of various separate national societies and Platt was chairman of its council from 1954 to 1957. At home, he more than maintained the ecumenical base of the Bible Society in Britain, enabling scholars of liberal and conservative temper to work cordially together on matters of translation and even questions of interpretation.

William James Platt was born in Manchester and educated at Rivington Grammar School, Didsbury, and at the Theological College, Manchester, from which he went straight out to West Africa in 1916. He always retained an academic bent, producing a number of books of which the first, *An African Prophet* (1934), was the biography of the Liberian charismatic, William Wade Harris, in whose footsteps he had followed in the Ivory Coast. The second, *From Fetish to Faith* (1935) was also based on his African experience, though in his last work, *Three Women in Central Asia* (1964), he cast his net wider. He was awarded an honorary DD by Knox University, Toronto, in 1954 and, to his great pleasure, was appointed a Commander of the National Order of the Ivory Coast on his final visit there in 1985.

He married in 1921 Hilda Waterhouse who died in 1975. He is survived by their daughter.

PROFESSOR HARRY IRVING

Harry Irving, Professor of Inorganic and Structural Chemistry at Leeds University, 1961-71, died in Cape Town, South Africa, on June 20 aged 87. He was born on November 19, 1905.

AT THE end of the second world war Harry Irving assisted in the resurgence of inorganic chemistry which, for a time, had seemed to be in danger of being ground between the upper and nether millstones of physical and organic chemistry. By 1950 he had established for himself, and the research workers he had gathered round him, a world-wide reputation. He became an acknowledged pioneer in investigations arising out of the application of organic reagents to inorganic analysis.

This led to many important practical and theoretical developments. On the practical side it brought within sight the possibility of "tailoring" a reagent to a particular metal ion and analytical problem in hand through the ability to predict the properties of the resulting complexes. In addition Irving made many contributions to the field of separating metal ions in aqueous solution by the extraction of their complexes into organic solvents.

Harry Mumroe Napier Hetherington Irving was the son of an Oxford schoolmaster. He was educated at New College School, St Bees and The Queen's College, Oxford, where he was a Hastings Scholar. He obtained first class honours in chemistry in 1928 and became one of the first holders of the newly instituted University Senior Scholarships. Queen's at that time still had its own chemical laboratory under the direction of Dr F. D. Chattaway and Irving was drawn into the field of pure organic chemistry.

In 1934, when the laboratory at Queen's closed on Chattaway's retirement, Irving was appointed a demonstrator (i. e., lecturer) in the inorganic chemistry laboratory of the university. This act of the faculty must be seen against the background not only of Irving's training but also of the state of Oxford chemistry. At that time the three main parts of chemistry had become firmly divided in the university laboratories so that Irving was virtually asked to change his subject or work without immediate colleagues. In fact he threw himself wholeheartedly into his new sphere of work and within a very short time started lines of research into inorganic co-ordination compounds.

As Irving was an able lecturer (and with a love of slightly "wicked" jokes) he was invited to lecture in many of the major centres of chemistry in Europe, America and Africa. It was thus no surprise that in 1961 he left Oxford to take up the chair of Inorganic and Structural Chemistry at Leeds. Not only was he, for a time, chairman of the School of Chemistry at Leeds, but he also built up a productive research school.

When he retired in 1971, he embarked on a further career at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. After a year as professor of theoretical chemistry (1978), he became the first professor of analytical science until his second retirement in 1985. Thereafter, he continued to publish accounts of collaborative research and to work on his book on the history of the halogens.

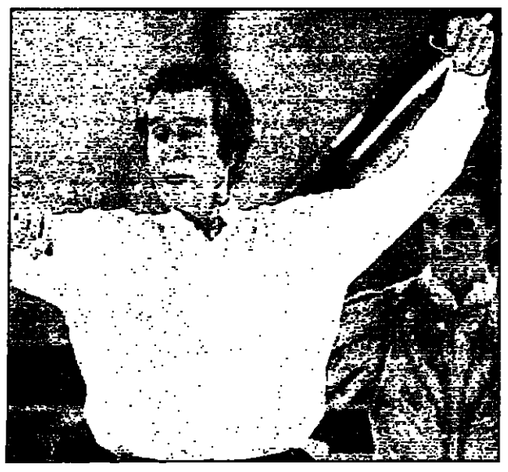
In 1935 he had become science tutor at St Edmund Hall, and when its constitution was revised in 1937 became one of its first fellows and later vice-principal (1951-1961). He was also vice-president of the Society for Analytical Chemists in 1955-57 and received its gold medal in 1971. He served on the council and publication committee of the Chemical Society and also received its Perkin Elmer Award for Analytical Chemistry in 1976. In 1980, he was awarded the gold medal of the Society for Chemical Industry.

He was an ardent Mason and an enthusiastic musician — a gifted pianist who held the LRAM performers' diploma from 1930. He was also a skilful ice-skater and at Leeds a judge in national competitions. It was characteristic of him that any activity to which he lent his hand would be pursued with immense energy and thoroughness until he was master of it.

He married first Monica Mary Wildsmith in 1934; she died in 1972 and in 1975 he married Dr Anne Mawby, a chemist with whom he collaborated in a number of his researches.

JACQUES CHAZOT

Jacques Chazot, French ballet dancer, choreographer, writer, dandy and wit, died on July 12 aged 64 at the Chateau de Monthyon, Seine-et-Marne. He was born on September 25, 1928, at Locmiquelic, Morbihan.



JACQUES CHAZOT enjoyed success as a dancer at the Opéra Comique in Paris and as choreographer or producer of 300 ballets in Parisian theatres, notably Chatelet and Mogador. He was known above all as a dandy and wit who sought to emulate Oscar Wilde a century later. In this sphere he was also successful without reaching Wildean proportions, although he sometimes complained that a witticism of his would be attributed to Wilde. He became the *amuseur* of Parisian society, known as *le tout Paris*, over a period of 40 years. It was normal for him at one time to have fifteen invitations to dinner on the same evening. He was known as the perfect 14th guest for he usually knew all the others at table and could be counted upon to produce a string of *bon mots*. Chazot once said: "As I have no private life, I am always available." On another occasion he described himself as "a shower of confetti".

Chazot over the years became the friend of the famous. His closest friendship was with the writer Françoise Sagan whom he almost married in 1964 despite his publicly avowed homosexuality. She called him "the funniest man in Paris" and devoted passages to him in her novels.

On one occasion she rushed to the Opéra Comique to lead cheering after critics had savaged his performance. On another, he had the audacity to dance the lead role in *Giselle* disguised as a woman to the delight of the critics.

Chazot's social circle was extremely wide and included the singer Juliette Greco, the writer François Mauriac who launched him as an author of highly popular satires of Parisian society, the artist Jean Cocteau, the French Rothschilds with their high society lifestyle in Parisian town houses and country chateaux, the couturiers Coco Chanel and Yves Saint-Laurent, André Malraux and the late President Georges Pompidou.

Chazot loved to play the role of the tall, elegant dilettante, or amateur, in navy blue blazer or dinner jacket, but in fact he was much tougher and hardworking than he liked to make out. He had several careers starting as a model in Montparnasse for the great sculptor and painter Alberto Giacometti — Chazot's 6ft 4ins frame was almost as lean as a Giacometti work — and other artists, notably Bernard Buffet.

After successful dance classes at the Paris Opéra he joined the Janine Charrat ballet company and then moved on to become the star dancer at the Opéra Comique between 1956-1963. Another post was *maître de ballet* at the Comédie Française. Given his affected snobbery and dandyism he was a natural choice to present debutante balls, one of which he opened on the arm of Princess Grace of Monaco. From there, he moved to television, as a guest on talk shows where his wit, honed at the dinner tables of duchesses, made him an instant star.

Chazot was also known to a wide public through his Marie-Chantal books, the not-so-imaginary chronicles of an arch-snobbish young woman who professes to ignore the existence of the Metro and is often depressed despite wealth, a rich husband and lovers. In one anecdote, Marie Chantal comes across a beggar who says: " "Madame, would you have some money, I haven't eaten for 15 days." To which Marie-Chantal replies: "Fifteen days, why, that's very dangerous. You'll have to force yourself, my dear." Even Simone de Beauvoir admitted to reading the books.

Over the years, Chazot was highly eclectic in his work. He choreographed for the "Holiday on Ice" show and, in later years, after troubles with the tax man he took refuge at the Paris municipal hall where Jacques Chirac, the mayor, gave him the role of artistic adviser. "I'm hard up, but not broke", Chazot stated.

The job entailed a somewhat lower profile and sometimes meant Chazot had to go and open balls for the aged, but he took it all in his stride claiming he had much more generosity of spirit than many imagined. His death was greeted in Parisian newspapers as the end of the era of the dandy. Stars and personalities said that he was the kindest of men beneath his brittle exterior. The public learnt that although their favourite dandy had died in a chateau of a friend, he had lived all his life in a small room near the Eiffel Tower, in which he had never eaten a meal, waiting instead to be invited out.

CORNISH TORBOCK

Henry Cornish Torbock, Lake District gardener and art collector, died on June 17 aged 88. He was born in Chard, Somerset, on March 23, 1905.

CORNISH TORBOCK's pleasure in gardening was as great as that in art collecting and his knowledge of both was encyclopaedic. He developed a wide range of new species in the gardens of his home at Crossrigg Hall, an imposing Victorian house at Penrith, Cumbria, and over the years amassed more than 2,000 pictures, mostly 18th-century and early 19th-century watercolours and drawings which he described as small works of great artists and great works by lesser artists. He enjoyed them with real zest, and every year he mounted an exhibition for the benefit of his friends and others.

Henry Cornish Torbock was educated at Eton and New College, Oxford. He then became a qualified chartered accountant. During the second world war he served in the Royal Artillery as a captain. After the war, he and his brother Dick settled in their old home and began a long service to the county.

Cornish brought his knowledge of finance to the Church and to all the other committees on which he served. He was on the Carlisle diocesan board of finance, the secretary and treasurer of his parochial church council and was a representative of the National Art Collections Fund.

He worked tirelessly in the gardens of Crossrigg and was totally unselfish with his treasures: there was always a border full of plants for his friends to take. He was also a great flower arranger and had been heard to say of the late Constance Spry: "Oh, I taught old Connie all she knew."

He never married.

THE reference to the Duchess of Argyll as "the Red Duchess" in yesterday's obituary of Dame Susan Walker should have been to the Duchess of Atholl.

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From Our Parliamentary Correspondent

WESTMINSTER, WEDNESDAY MORNING

A last-ditch effort to retain the gallows as part of the English scene failed in the House of Commons late last night. After seven months of bitter controversy, the House finally gave a third reading to the Murder (Abolition of Death Penalty) Bill by 200 votes to 98.

The size of the majority was no reflection of the debate. Undeterred by the obvious strength of the abolitionists, and still less by the fact that all new argument had long since been exhausted, Conservative opponents of the Bill kept up the pressure till the end. Led by Sir John Hobson, who feared that abolition would not only lead to an increase in murder and armed robbery but in breakouts from prison as well, they embroidered their case with fresh evidence from Wandsworth and elsewhere to prove what was likely to happen.

Mr. Edward Gardiner summed up their attitude. This Bill, he said, was bad, dangerous, and likely to be carried in contempt of public opinion. But carried it was.

The retentionists were clearly set on talking into the small hours, but mercifully, soon after midnight, the Deputy Speaker accepted a motion from Mr. Paget that the question should be put. After that it was all over bar the voting.

" MISGUIDED CRUSADER "

When he introduced the third reading, Mr. Sydney Silverman, the Bill's sponsor, could not resist the temptation to rub in his triumph. For him it was the end of not just seven months of fighting but 150 years, and he was determined to savour it to the full. Mr. Silverman may yet be proved to be, in the words of Sir John, "a misguided crusader suffering from self-induced myopia", but it was his night.

It was a good night, too, for Mr. Henry Brooke. In a notably sane speech he reaffirmed his support for abolition and decried the idea that a life sentence was no deterrent. He had some constructive suggestions to make as well. Life imprisonment for murderers, he said, should in future mean 15 years in gaol unless there were compassionate circumstances. With this should go penal reform to stop a man rotting in gaol, and better maximum security arrangements as well. If only Sir Frank Soskice had taken notice of his own suggestion for a prison security expert, he added, sadly, the Wandsworth escape might never have happened.

Mr. Brooke was looking to the future. For the Commons this Bill is now in the past. But there is still the House of Lords, and those who crowded round Mr. Silverman tonight to shake his hand may have been congratulating him too soon.

PEERS DEBATE BREVITY IN 99 MINUTES

From Our Political Correspondent.

The Lords last night set an example to the Commons. Twenty-three peers spoke in a debate lasting only 99 minutes. As Lord Gardiner, the Lord Chancellor, said, "My lords, it must be a record."

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There was a large majority in the House of Commons when the bill to abolish hanging was given its third reading.

How thriving is my valley

Tourism generates £1.3bn annually for the principality. In a special report, **Iola Smith** examines the success of a booming sector

In a land of exceptional scenery, with three national parks and five designated areas of outstanding natural beauty, it is not surprising that tourism is an important business. The Welsh tourist industry employs 95,000 people, 9 per cent of the workforce, and generates £1.3 billion for the principality's economy. This is almost 5 per cent of gross domestic product, a higher percentage than in either England or Scotland.

Last year, 8.3 million visitors came to Wales from other parts of Britain, and 620,000 from overseas. Paul Loveluck, chief executive of the Wales Tourist Board (WTB), says: "Increasing the overseas total is a priority, and we expect the numbers to grow significantly in future, as we now have the power to market Wales abroad for the first time."

One encouraging sign is the interest being displayed by foreign investors in tourism projects. The Sanyo Oil Company of Tokyo, for example, is building a hotel and a 36-hole golf course at Monmouth and promoting them as the Welsh Gleneagles. Campanile, the French hotel chain, has a hotel in Cardiff and another planned for Wrexham. A subsidiary of Aer Lingus, the Irish airline, has built the Copthorne Hotel near Cardiff.

These investments confirm the view of the WTB that Wales's culture, heritage and environment are among its strengths. Overseas visitors appreciate hearing the Welsh language, for instance, which makes Wales distinctive from the rest of the United Kingdom, and the board is helping to finance bilingual signs. It is also encouraging English-speaking hotel staff to learn some basic Welsh phrases.

Another attraction is Wales's natural environment, though tourism developments have to be sensitive to its needs. "We would not sanction anything that would damage our environmentally sensitive areas," Mr Loveluck says. "Safeguarding such sites is essential, and if it became necessary in the interests of conservation to divert visitors away from a particular location, we would do so."

Snowdonia, which extends for 840 square miles, is the largest of Wales's three national parks. It is crowned by the 3,560-ft peak of Snowdon, the highest mountain in England and Wales, which is a Mecca for both hill-walkers and mountaineers, and is routinely used as a training area by climbers heading for the Himalayas.

> 'We would not sanction anything that would damage our environmentally sensitive areas'

Further south, the Pembrokeshire Coast national park stretches for 225 miles from Tenby to Cardigan. The only coastal national park in Britain, it has magnificent cliff views. It, too, appeals to walkers, and is also popular with ornithologists, who visit the offshore bird sanctuaries on the islands of Skokholm and Skomer.

Wales's third park is the Brecon Beacons, which cover 519 square miles of mountains in mid-Wales. The park has on its fringes the Wye Valley, an area of outstanding natural beauty that possesses a wealth of history, from medieval Tintern Abbey to Monmouth Town, the birthplace of Henry V and Charles Rolls, of Rolls-Royce.

There are two other designated scenic areas in Gwynedd: Anglesey, which has a coastline of 125 miles, and the Lleyn Peninsula to the south, Lloyd George's birthplace and site of Portmeirion, Clough Williams Ellis's Italianate village. The Clwydian hills, in northeast Wales, are also designated, while nearby are the cathedral at St Asaph, Britain's smallest, and Bodelwyddan Castle, the National Portrait Gallery's offshoot.

But Welsh tourism is not limited to these well-known scenic areas. Wales has its castles, and seaside resorts such as Llandudno, Rhyl, Aberystwyth and Tenby. It has its industrial past, and this year has been designated Industrial Heritage Year in the expectation of attracting visitors. At the same time Cardiff and Swansea, the two biggest cities, have both spruced themselves up.

Many visitors first came to the Valleys for last year's Ebbw Vale garden festival, and they are being encouraged to return to the region. Susan Pownall, a spokeswoman at South Wales Tourism, says: "We were given a tremendous opportunity during the festival, when more than two million visitors came. Now we can build upon that impetus, creating a enormous boost for the future of the Valleys."

One of the WTB's objectives has been to create new jobs in the Valleys to compensate for those lost in heavy industry. It has taken similar steps in Pembrokeshire, an area hard hit by cuts in the defence industry.

Raising the profile of Cardiff and Swansea is a priority because they are gateways to Wales for overseas visitors. Cardiff is making the most of its castle, cathedral and turn-of-the-century civic centre, and is regenerating its southern waterfront.

Swansea's maritime quarter has been transformed, and the city can claim to be one of the few in Britain to have an area of outstanding natural beauty, the Gower Peninsula.

Both Cardiff and Swansea are also exploiting increased interest in the arts. Cardiff is already recognised as an important musical venue because of St David's Hall, and its image will be further enhanced by the Sydney-style opera house planned for the bay. The city is home to the National Museum of Wales.

The Folk Museum at St Fagans re-creates 400 years of Welsh rural history, featuring farmhouses, a Victorian school and the latest attraction, Lord Owen's family shop. The museum attracted 350,000 visitors last year.

Swansea will be Britain's City of Literature in 1995. There are plans for holidays with literary themes, particularly linked with Dylan Thomas.

The WTB is aware that, whatever the attractions, visitors need good accommodation and care. Since 1988, it has spent £18.7 million on improving Wales' tourism infrastructure. That has generated £143 million of investment by other bodies and the private sector, creating 3,000 jobs.

Tourism Quality Services, the privatised inspection unit, inspected and graded 4,800 hotels and guesthouses in Wales last year, says John Heron, its director. "We also work outside the principality. We undertake inspection work on the Isle of Man for the island's tourism department, and next year we will embark on our largest overseas project, grading hotels in Catalonia."

JEAN HITCHINGS

Room at the top: one of the 9 million tourists who visit Wales every year admires the view from Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales

Festivals of the natural arts

Arts and the environment are the themes of the main events taking place in Wales this summer and autumn.

Tomorrow, the **Welsh Promenade Concerts** will begin at St David's Hall in Cardiff with a performance by the London Philharmonic Orchestra of works by Tchaikovsky. The concert marks the centenary of the Russian composer's death.

During the season, the renamed BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra will also take the stage. On the last night, July 24, the Hallé Orchestra, conducted by Owain Arwel Hughes, will perform Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance No 1 and works by Berlioz, Poulenc, Ravel and Walton.

On Friday, the **Wales Actors Company** begins touring its summer production of *Macbeth* to 14 of Wales's historic castles.

Bryn Terfel, one of Wales's best known baritones, will be singing at the **National Eisteddfod**, the principal annual event for the Welsh language, which will be held from July 31 to August 7 at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground in Builth Wells. One highlight will be a production of Verdi's *Nabucco* in Welsh.

As it is being staged for the first time in anglicised Radnorshire, the eisteddfod has received financial support from the European Community for free Welsh lessons for local people. A simultaneous translation service will help English-speakers.

Before that, from July 19 to 22, the showground will be the setting for the **Royal Welsh Agricultural Show**, the most important event on the Welsh agricultural calendar. The organisers expect 200,000 visitors and 6,600 animals to be present.

The show is also the centrepoint of the **Festival of the Countryside**, a seven-month celebration of the countryside that began in mid-Wales in June and will continue until December. The festival was established in 1985 as the region's contribution to world conservation. David Bellamy, its adviser, describes it as "the role model for sustainable tourism". The festival features guided walks and pony treks, badger-watching and bat-detecting, and visits to working farms.

Brecon, a town in mid-Wales, becomes a focal point for jazz enthusiasts every August when **Brecon Jazz** is held there. This year, 80 concerts will be held during one weekend, August 13 to 15.

In contrast, the **Cardiff Festival** (September 17 to October 9) and the **Swansea Music Festival** (September 27 to November 6) focus on classical music. Attractions at both will be the Welsh National Opera and the Bolshoi Symphony Orchestra from Moscow.

Welsh Tourism. 95,000 jobs and climbing

Tourism is responsible - directly and indirectly - for about 9% of all jobs in Wales and brings more than £1.25 billion each year to the Welsh economy.

It is one of Wales' top three industries and, according to the Wales Tourist Board's recently published draft strategy, Tourism 2000, still offers good prospects for growth.

The Board forecasts an average annual growth rate of 1.5% in trips and 5% in spending by UK visitors at current prices. For overseas visitors the Board envisages an average annual growth of 7% in trips and 14% in spending at current prices. The number of staying visitors to Wales, the Board estimates, would increase from 9.3 million to 11.1 million. Earnings, including expenditure by day visitors would also reach the £2.2 billion mark at current prices, by the end of the decade. In terms of jobs potential the Board believes that the industry can sustain at least a further 10,000 jobs by the year 2000.

The Wales Tourist Board's vision for the year 2000 is of an industry that is competitive in terms of the quality of facilities and its customer care and also in the diversity of the holiday experience.

The Wales Tourist Board sees

- A country that is of appeal to the overseas visitor by virtue of its outstanding natural environment, its distinctive culture and history.
- A tourism industry which continues to appeal to its traditional family holiday market, while at the same time attracting more high spending visitors through short breaks and business tourism.
- A country distinguished above all by the friendliness and helpfulness of its people.
- An industry whose operators are prepared to work in partnership with others.
- An industry which is concerned to meet the needs of its customers and is better able to take responsibility for its own future.
- And an industry which offers good working conditions to those employed in it.

Tourism 2000 is intended to guide the way in which this important industry is developed and marketed. To achieve its objectives the Board recognises that it will require the effort of many public sector organisations as well as the private sector.

The Wales Tourist Board's previous strategy was regarded as a success because it introduced the concept of an integrated development programme. Since 1988 the Board has provided £18.7m in financial assistance to a total of 1256 tourism development projects. This has stimulated an overall investment of £143m and created or secured over 3,000 direct full-time jobs.

The objective of the Board's Local Enterprise and Development Initiative was to provide a catalyst for the public and private sectors to plan and implement co-ordinated development programmes. A budget of £8.7m allocated to the LEAD initiative stimulated capital spending of £37 million.

This same co-ordinated approach will be the linchpin of the new Tourism 2000 strategy.

Major programmes are proposed to provide for coastal resort regeneration, historic towns marketing, country holidays, urban tourism, targeting Cardiff, Swansea, Newport and Wrexham. It is also planned to boost day visitors, customer care, management and training.

The strategic challenge facing the tourism industry in Wales may be summarised as follows:

Tourism can play an even greater role in the economy of Wales.

Tourism must respect the environment, in all its facets and must proceed with the support of the community.

And to flourish in the future, tourism needs to offer quality and value for money.

There is no doubt that tourism world wide will become increasingly competitive, and there are very challenging years ahead.

But the Wales Tourist Board is confident that the industry in Wales offers many new opportunities for investment and development.

A summary of Tourism 2000 and "A Record of Achievement 1988-1993" are available free of charge from:

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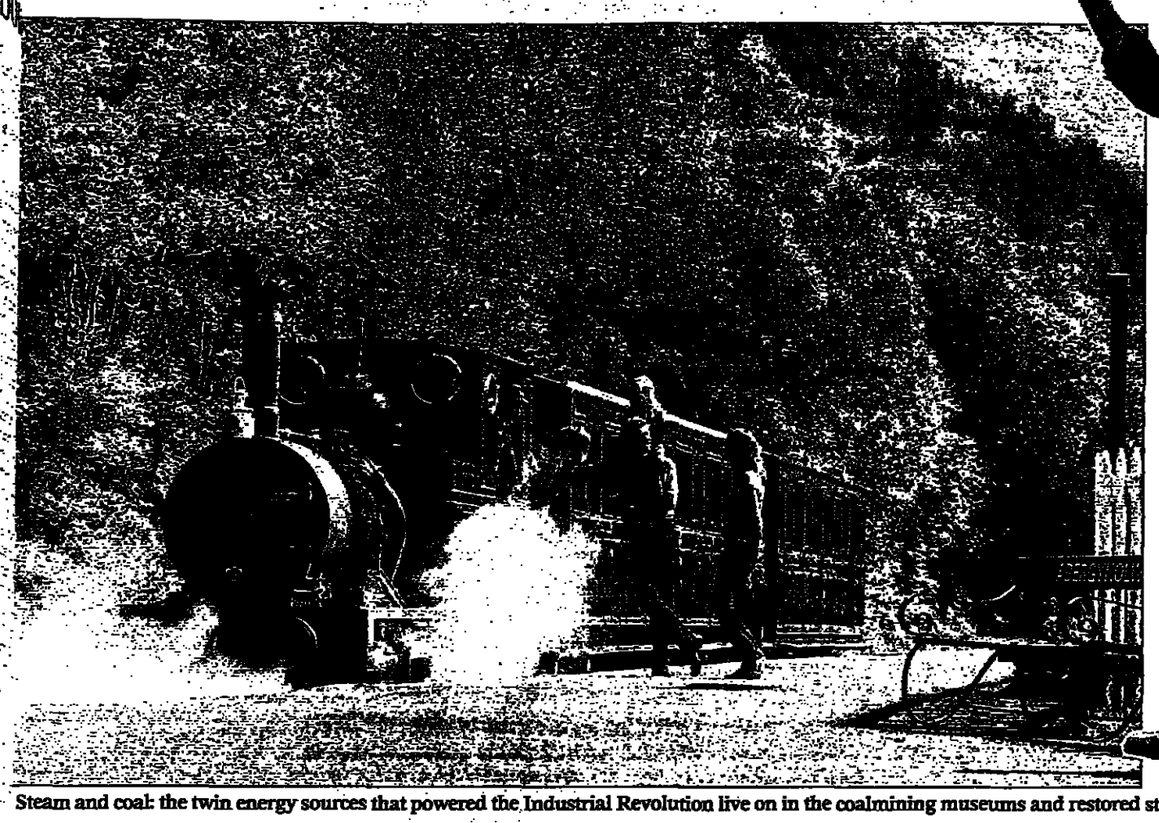


Steam and coal: the twin energy sources that powered the Industrial Revolution live on in the coalmining museums and restored steam train railway lines of the principality

Visitors can go down a mine, up a mountain and around a farm enjoying the industrial, environmental and agricultural heritage

This is Industrial Heritage Year and, to celebrate Wales's contribution to the Industrial Revolution, the principality's historic ironworks, mining museums and slate caverns are opening their doors to the public.

One of the best preserved examples of a late 18th-century ironworks in Western Europe can be seen at Blaenavon, in Gwent. The blast furnaces, casting houses and ironworkers' cottages have been restored by Cadw, which is custodian of all Wales's ancient monuments. Next month, a musical interpretation of the history of the South Wales iron industry will be staged at the site by the Welsh National Opera and Heritage Theatre Company.

Blaenavon is also home to the Big Pit mining museum, one of the valleys' most popular tourist attractions. Last year more than 120,000 visitors descended into the bowels of the earth at Big Pit. Before becoming a museum in 1980, the colliery had operated for 100 years; former miners act as guides.

The Rhondda, once Wales's most famous mining valley, now has only its Heritage Park to remind it of its former glory. The old Lewis Merthyr pit at Trehafod is the valley's only remaining colliery building, and this accommodates an exhibition devoted to "the black gold".

At Merthyr Tydfil, the former iron-making capital of the valleys, the history of the iron industry can be seen in its social context. A visit can encompass an ironmaster's sumptuous home at Cyfarthfa Castle and a worker's humble cottage.

Mineral smelting was a major industry in West Glamorgan, and its story is told at Swansea's Industrial and Maritime Museum. South Wales's industrial heritage is also on display at the Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum in Cardiff, and the Valley Inheritance Museum in Pontypool. At Newport, the French-designed transporter bridge, one of the most visual testaments of the region's heavy industrial past, is being restored.

At Wrexham, the eight-mile long Clywedog valley trail takes tourists to a series of industrial archaeological remains. En route, they pass the Bersham Heritage Centre, established at the former home of the 18th-century Wilkinson iron works.

Further west in Gwynedd, slate quarrying was the dominant industry. Its history can be seen at the Llechwedd slate caverns, near Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Eighteen per cent of visitors to Wales, about 1.2 million people, come to the principality for some form of activity holiday. Climbers and hikers often choose the challenge of the Snowdonia national park, while water-sports enthusiasts can canoe at Bala Lake, in North Wales, or sail sea-going yachts from marinas at Swansea, Penarth or Pwllheli.

While encouraging those who come for these more adventurous holidays, the Welsh Tourist Board (WTB) and the Sports Council for Wales are determined that they should enjoy these activities safely. "We have established a voluntary inspection scheme," says Chris Coleman, who is in charge of activity holidays for the WTB. "We are the only British tourist board to inspect activity centres."

Visitors should have guarantees, the WTB believes, about the quality of provision available at all climbing, canoeing or abseiling centres. The English Tourist Board agrees, and is considering adopting the Welsh method.

Not every specialist holidaymaker wants to keep fit, however. For the less energetic, a leisurely ride through spectacular scenery is more appealing, and Wales's "great little trains", the narrow-gauge steam railways, are the answer. Five of these pass through the Snowdonia national park, often running on tracks used 100 years ago to transport slate from Gwynedd's quarries to the ports along the North Wales coast.

They include the Bala and Llanberis lines, that run around Bala and Padarn lakes respectively, and the Ffestiniog, Welsh Highland and Talyllyn railways. Talyllyn, which was opened in 1865, was saved from closure in the 1950s by enthusiasts, who have developed the line to carry 65,000 passengers a year.

Steam buffs have been equally successful at Llangollen, where plans have been unveiled to extend the track westwards to the town of Corwen. Supported by the WTB and the Welsh Development Agency as the key to tourism development and economic revival in the area, the line has recently launched a £500,000 share issue to finance the extension.

The only narrow-gauge railway in South Wales is the Brecon line, which ferries passengers to the Brecon Beacons national park. This railway has introduced historic locomotives from Africa and continental Europe on to its line: its passengers can take a ride behind venerable engines from South Africa and eastern Germany.

Farming communities are also getting much-needed additional income from tourism. According to the Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW), tourism accounts for a third of farmers' income in some parts of Wales, bridging the difference between success and failure.

Some 6,000 Welsh farms provide some form of accommodation for visitors, and in a bid to help them diversify, the WTB has provided £630,000 worth of grant assistance. That has stimulated the farmers themselves to invest a total of £2.3 million on improving facilities for tourists.

Farm holidays are increasingly popular with young families living in cities. Gwynfryn Farm, for instance, near Pwllheli, in Gwynedd, allows visiting children to help around the farm. "They can feed the calves, bed the cows and collect the eggs," says Jane Ellis, the farmer.

As well as being popular with children, farm holidays are attractive for special interest groups, such as hikers and ornithologists. Some overseas visitors enjoy the slower pace of life on a farm, and Mrs Ellis has been welcoming Dutch families every summer for nine years.

Lochmeyler Farm, near Solva in Dyfed, is one of many farms which offer visitors a taste of Welsh cuisine. They can sample traditional soups, Welsh lamb and locally produced cheeses and vegetables. Morfydd Jones, the farmer, has always combined farming with accommodating tourists, and is convinced that there is a bright future for farm tourism, particularly in areas of outstanding natural beauty such as Dyfed.

Some entire villages have taken up the challenge and, together with the WTB, offer "country village breaks". Six villages are taking part in this year's programme: Llanboidy and Robeston Wathen in Dyfed, Pentrefoelas in Clwyd, and Berriew, Llyswen and Llanwrtyd Wells in Powys, the last Britain's smallest village, with a population of 600.

Each village has developed a programme of activities. Berriew offers an introduction to jewellery-making, and Pentrefoelas an archaeological trail around Lake Brenig. For £112 per person for the weekend, it is an interesting introduction to rural Wales.

10,000 more jobs by 2000

Planners want to double the income from tourism to more than £2 billion

With the publication of a blueprint called Tourism 2000, the Wales Tourist Board (WTB) has set out its long-term strategy for meeting the needs of the 21st century. Paul Loveluck, the chief executive, says: "Our intention is to double the income generated by tourism from the current £1.3 billion to £2.2 billion by the year 2000. And we also want to create 10,000 new jobs.

"Both targets are realistic. We are busy promoting Wales in our key overseas markets, and on the jobs front we have already created 23,000 new jobs between 1984 and 1991."

Tourism 2000 lays emphasis on safeguarding Wales's natural environment, and also its distinctive culture. The blueprint details increasing opportunities for arts and sports-related tourism. Tony Lewis, chairman of the WTB, says: "We see an industry which is sustainable in the longer term, both environmentally and economically, and one which is totally integrated within our communities."

> 'We see an industry which is sustainable in the longer term. The targets are realistic'

Action programmes have been set out for six areas: regeneration of traditional coastal resorts; sprucing-up historic towns; country holidays; urban tourism; day visitors; and better care for visitors.

Wales's traditional coastal resorts should be able to offer more cost-effective holidays. The number of children under 14 in the United Kingdom population is expected to increase by 10 per cent over the next few years, and to meet the demand, the resorts are preparing new attractions. In Rhyl, for instance, there will be a children's theme park.

There will also be an increase in visitors of the 45-plus age group. Llandudno plans to open a new 1,500-seat opera house. This will provide a place in North Wales in which the Welsh National Opera can stage its large-scale productions.

Day visitors already account for a fifth of the tourists who come to Wales. Many choose the traditional coastal towns. Tourism 2000 identifies two areas, better car-parking and restaurant facilities, in which improvements are required if these visitors' needs are to be fully met.

Then there are Wales's historic towns, such as Conway, Caernarvon, Llangollen and Llandrindod Wells. These appeal to all types of visitors, and the WTB has already taken steps to develop town trails and improve their infrastructure.

Tourism in large urban areas is another priority. Cardiff and Swansea are the two biggest, but the WTB has also earmarked Newport, which is due to benefit from environmental improvements, and Wrexham, because of its industrial heritage, for promotional efforts.

Finally, the blueprint seeks to improve training for those active in tourism and customer care. The WTB's first step in this direction was to bring the Welcome Host initiative to Wales. It was launched 18 months ago, and since then almost 10,000 people have been trained to communicate better with visitors, and to help resolve problems.

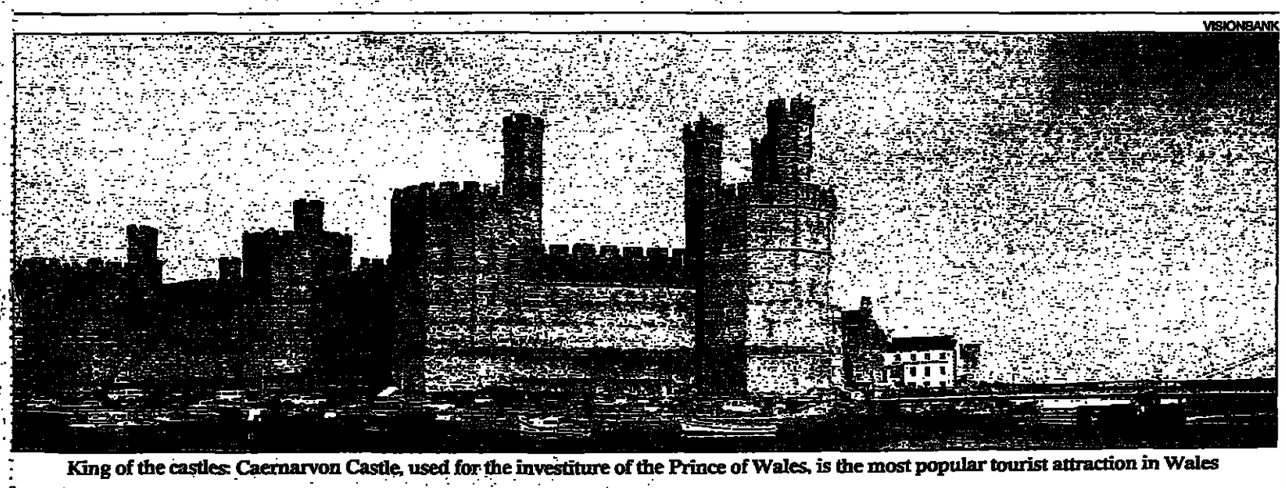
"Welcome Host began in 1986 in British Columbia, Canada, as a means of involving the whole community in welcoming visitors," explains Norman Poole, its Welsh organiser. "We recognised its potential, and bought the European franchise so that Wales's training and enterprise councils could offer the training programme to hoteliers, retailers and the general public.

"The intention is to reinforce Wales's reputation for hospitality, and already organisations such as Marks & Spencer, Safeway, the Midland Bank, local authorities and the National Trust have put their staff through the programme."

Mr Poole is presently introducing the scheme as part of the curriculum for 16 to 19-year-olds in schools and colleges, and expects that 25,000 people will have been trained by the end of next year.

The aim of Welcome Host is to give visitors a good impression, so that they stay longer and spend more, as well as tending to return for a second visit. Its potential has been recognised by New Zealand, which has also adopted it, as have some Australian states. There is also interest in Finland, The Netherlands and Scotland.

The WTB's first sale, however, has been to England. The English Tourist Board has bought the training scheme, after seeing the benefits it is already bringing to Wales.



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Visitors to Wales can experience more than 2,000 years of history, going back to prehistoric times. Both Roman and Norman conquerors left their imprint on the landscape, and their fortresses and abbeys are popular attractions.

The Romans came to Wales in AD75, setting up residence along the banks of the Usk at Caerleon. The remains of their 50-acre military complex, complete with barracks, bath-house and amphitheatre, can still be seen. Roman artifacts unearthed at the site are displayed at the nearby Legionary Museum, which offers a computer-created view of the bath-house's design.

The Romans marched west from the Usk, using Gwent as a base, through Cardiff and Carmarthen to Dolau Cothi, where they mined Welsh gold. They built a fort at Caernarvon, in North Wales.

It was not until after the Norman Conquest, however, that Wales's best-known ancient monuments, the medieval concentric castles, came into existence. Edward I conquered the Welsh in 1282, and proceeded to build an iron ring of castles around the stronghold of Snowdonia.

The most popular with visitors today is Caernarvon Castle, begun in 1283. Its walls were modelled on those of Constantinople, and it is the site of the investitures of the Princes of Wales. The tradition began when Edward I presented his son as a prince for the Welsh, and it was renewed 24 years ago when Prince Charles was invested.

An exhibition tracing the history of investitures can be seen at the castle, which is also home to the museum of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

The second favourite is Conway, which has probably the most picturesque castle that Edward I constructed. Alongside is a 19th-century attraction: Telford's suspension bridge, whose architecture blends with that of the castle.

In South Wales, it was the marcher lords, rather than the king, who built castles. Caerphilly, a virtually impregnable fortress built by Gilbert de Clare, is Britain's largest castle, after Windsor.

The best Tudor architecture in Wales can be seen at two manor houses: Llancaiach Fawr at Nelson in the Rhymney valley, and Plas Mawr at Conway.

Though Wales has hundreds of genuine ancient monuments, it also has one glaring fake, the Gothic-looking fantasy, Castell Coch, near Cardiff. This Victorian folly, which resembles a castle on the Rhine, was built by William Burgess in 1875 as a holiday retreat for Lord Bute of Cardiff. Today, it is a popular attraction, appreciated by film directors and the public.

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NEWS

Economy boost gives Major hope

■ John Major hailed fresh evidence of an economic recovery as the biggest surge in factory output for four years boosted the pound and gave him much-needed respite.

Monthly manufacturing production jumped by 1.8 per cent in May to its highest level since September 1990, raising hopes that the economy is growing more robustly than the government had forecast and that tax increases may not be necessary in the November Budget ..... Pages 1, 2, 21

Birt will answer Tully onslaught

■ John Birt, the BBC director-general, will this morning defend his reforms after a savage attack on his management of the corporation by one of his journalists. Mark Tully, the India correspondent, said that Mr Birt was destroying the skill base which has made the BBC famous ..... Page 1

Lloyd's suicide

A solicitor facing heavy losses at Lloyd's hanged himself after learning that he might be forced into bankruptcy, an inquest was told. Harold Weston, 51, was a member of a loss-making Gooda Walker syndicate ..... Page 1

Sunday support

John Major declared himself behind plans to scrap restrictions on Sunday shopping as the government disclosed proposals to reform trading laws ..... Page 1

Iraq threat

As the chief United Nations weapons inspector prepared to fly to Baghdad today, diplomats warned that if his mission failed it could trigger a new Western attack on Iraq ..... Page 1

Quake disaster

The Japanese government declared parts of Hokkaido a disaster zone as the earthquake toll reached 70. At least 170 people are still missing ..... Pages 1, 11

Water costs

Brussels must be challenged over the scale and pace of its European water quality improvements to avoid bills in Britain rocketing the water industry regulator urged ..... Page 2

Teachers stress

Classroom stress and a continuing squeeze on budgets are the prime causes of a sharp rise in early retirements since the start of the 1980s, a head teachers' association reports ..... Page 5

Jockey sues

A former leading jockey told the High Court that his career ended when his horse fell as it took the lead in a race at Doncaster's St Leger meeting in 1989. He is suing Doncaster council, alleging that the ground had been disturbed ..... Page 6

Whitelaw's warning

Viscount Whitelaw is to warn Baroness Thatcher and her fellow rebels tonight that they will provoke a "nasty" clash between the Lords and Commons if they push through a Maastricht referendum amendment ..... Page 8

Siege desperation

After sixteen months of siege, Sarajevo is desperate, in disarray and divided. There is no electricity, running water, gas or telephones. The capital feels betrayed by the world ..... Page 9

Republican attack

Leading Republicans pummelled President Clinton as a tax-happy liberal, a fan of big government and an advocate of dangerously deep defence cuts at their summer strategy session in Chicago. They also gave thanks to Mr Clinton for helping to unify their party ..... Page 10

Flood toll

The rain-swollen Mississippi and its tributaries continued to swallow up land. Residents and National Guardsmen battled to save homes and businesses as the flooding was linked to at least 19 deaths, 13 in Missouri ..... Page 10

'Sunset' set for a shining future

■ Benedict Nightingale on *Sunset Boulevard*: "It is not charabanc chic, like *Starlight Express* or the revival of *Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat*. The obvious comparison is with *Phantom of the Opera*, more serious, more imposing and in every sense, more haunting ... there are more attractive melodies than in any other of Webber's musicals" ..... Page 3

CHRIS HARRIS

Missiles in the park: a Kurdish man is arrested in St James's Park during a protest against the visit of Erdal Inonu, the Turkish deputy prime minister, to the Foreign Office. The demonstrators threw eggs and stones at Mr Inonu's car. Page 2

BUSINESS

Water slide: Shares in the privatized water companies rose sharply and then fell back on estimates by the regulator, Ofwat, that water bills must rise to meet environmental obligations ..... Page 21

Peace move: Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, handed another olive branch to Virgin Atlantic in a fresh attempt to defuse their dispute ..... Page 21

Markets: Encouraging economic statistics underpinned sterling, which gained against the dollar and the German mark, rising 1.60 cents to $1.4915 and 1.30 pfennigs to DM2.5661. The FT-SE 100 share index closed 6.2 higher at 2,837.1 ..... Page 24

Football: Chelsea must pay Swindon Town a maximum of £175,000 for the services of Glenn Hoddle, a Premier League transfer tribunal ruled. Swindon had been seeking £1 million compensation for their former player-manager ..... Page 38

Athletics: Peter Gordon, the second-ranked British discus thrower, has been suspended by the British Athletic Federation pending an investigation into a drugs test infringement ..... Page 40

Golf: Ian Woosnam, David Feherty and John Daly have been drawn to play together in the first round of the Open Championship which is starting at Sandwich tomorrow ..... Pages 38, 40

Heathrow bestsellers: A long journey is an opportunity to be adventurous: not just abroad, but in the imagination too. Daniel Johnson on holiday books ..... Page 12

Leading role: Elgar wore one. Churchill used to paint in one. The panama hat has always had a special place in the Englishman's wardrobe. George Trefgarne on its return ..... Page 13

Encouraging news: "It is good to learn that a big international deal has been based on a handshake." Roger Graef on the agreement between the BBC and ABC to share news gathering ..... Page 28

Troubled bridges: Britain is topping the league for building ugly bridges, says the Royal Fine Art Commission. The M25 Thames bridge at Dartford is singled out for special abuse ..... Page 29

Maritime munificence: The National Maritime Museum has been given a £750,000 bequest to build a educational centre. Can Greenwich become a world centre for maritime heritage? ..... Page 31

Grease without Travolta: Back in the West End, *Grease* will be newly with songs from the John Travolta film. But why has this largely plotless, superficial skim through the youth culture of the late 1950s proved so enduring? ..... Page 30

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dorte Christiansen, the Danish cricketer, who will be taking part in the women's World Cup, *culminating in a final* at Lord's on August 1 Page 40

Caroline Worsfold, who hopes to be ordained in the Church of England even though her husband, a priest, will join the Catholics Page 6

The Princess Royal's car convoy was shot at in Moscow last weekend. But the assailant was probably shooting at the police Page 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Cold comfort on the M-way

■ Driving though France, hot and bothered? Try a walk-through fountain, one of the new autoroute facilities laid on this year by the thoughtful French

Instant view from Waco

■ A crop of "instant" books has sprung from the ashes of Waco. Ben Macintyre on the expected mixture of sensational, superficial and serious journalism

Dino-day arrives

■ After the hype, *Jurassic Park* opens. "I have yet to recover from seeing six Dickie Attenboroughs on screen at once," writes Geoff Brown.

On the eve of the Open, the start of a six-part series on the history of the game: *Golf and All Its Glory* (BBC2, 7.40 pm) ..... Page 39

Uncharted territory

The UN needs to be more forceful in Somalia, not less. The taming of General Aidid is indispensable, but only as part of a broader strategy of striking hard against all the warring factions without discrimination ..... Page 15

This side of the water

A better financial structure could do much to resolve the tension between the public's desire for better water and its resistance to ever-higher bills. But that has nothing to do with Brussels ..... Page 15

A span too far

The architects and aesthetes of the Royal Fine Art Commission are right to insist on the beauty of bridges. But the Department of Transport has a duty too ..... Page 15

SIMON JENKINS

Leaderologists gathered from around the world at an undisclosed venue to discuss the calibre of those at the G7 summit. Their conclusions were not flattering. Pygmies, anti-heroes, men of no vision were among some of the kindest epithets heard ..... Page 14

IAN McINTYRE

Mr Tully's view of the BBC through the prism of Indian politics is certainly idiosyncratic, but he has redirected attention to a number of important issues. It is increasingly difficult to avoid concluding that the biggest issue of all is the personality and style of the director-general ..... Page 14

With the Lords due to vote tonight on whether or not the nation should have a referendum on Maastricht, readers give their views on Europe and Parliament's role ..... Page 15

The UN cannot leave Iraq under doubt that, if it is prevented from guaranteeing the region's safety through peaceful arms inspections, it will necessarily have to resort to force. — *Washington Post*

The people of Somalia deserve better than what ambitious warlords and their gangs of armed thugs have brought them. — *Los Angeles Times*

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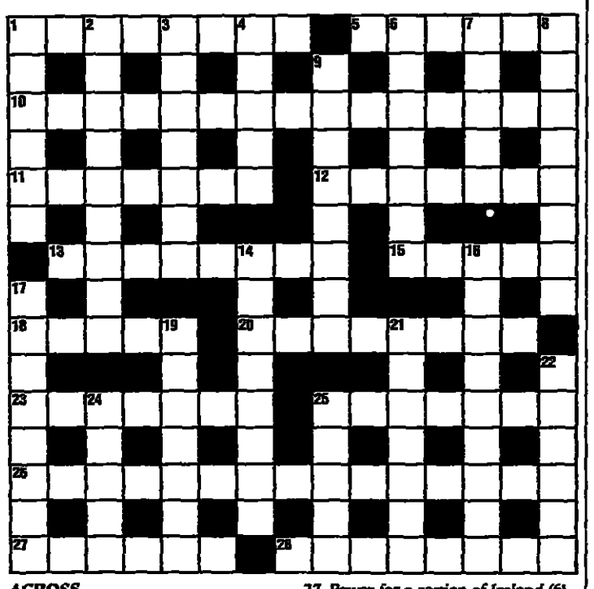

ACROSS

1 Report — gun requires this to produce one (8)
5 Sack for Cockney and foreign bird (6)
10 Actor portraying merriment during dance (7,8)
11 Non-professional race held — Englishman's first in the grid — ... (7)
12 ...raced through the majority on the way back, crossing bar (7)
13 Propeller beginning to spin — plane's personnel go round it (8)
15 Old letter representing North (5)
18 The P.M.'s about to nap (5)
20 From disc-jockeys to newsreaders, all depends on this (8)
23 Cat dosed with vitamin is thickening (7)
25 Graphically describe harbour-light (7)
26 Bare earth, letting hoe get to work (2,3,10)
27 Power for a section of Ireland (6)
28 Antipodean egg-producer provides supply at random (8)

DOWN

1 Money the French make fast (6)
2 Most ignorant in America, however (9)
3 Re-designed a slicer for cakes (7)
4 Children in one's charge (5)
6 State handout for a tramp (7)
7 Starts to correspond; in the end, serves summons (5)
8 Building a belief about people (8)
9 Rejected players before a match (8)
14 Holding family tree up to light again (8)
16 Title: "No whisper must get out" (9)
17 David is briefly taken in by a fortune-teller (8)
19 Bill needs new back door (7)
21 Folk in the wrong worry excessively (7)
22 Conifer spoken of in island (6)
24 Player-manager has no following (5)
25 Search for victims for each heartless bird of prey (5)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,281

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THE WEATHER

Northeast Scotland will have a dry day with some bright or sunny intervals. The rest of Britain will start cloudy or dull, with light rain or drizzle along the east coast. It will brighten up in the afternoon with some sunny intervals developing inland, helping it to feel warmer. Cloud, with some outbreaks of rain spreading into southwest England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the evening. Outlook: changeable.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Majorca	26	79	f
Alicante	30	86	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Amst'dam	29	84	s	Malta	28	79	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Athens	30	86	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Milan	24	75	s
Bangkok	30	86	f	Montreal*	27	81	s
Barbados*	30	86	s	Moscow	18	64	c
Barcelona	21	70	f	Munich	12	54	r
Beirut	28	82	s	Nairobi	19	66	f
Belgrade	20	68	f	Naples	26	79	f
Berlin	18	61	c	N Delhi	32	90	f
Biarritz	21	70	s	N York*	32	90	c
Borde'x	20	68	f	Nice	24	75	s
Brussels	18	64	r	Oslo	16	61	c
Budapest	22	72	f	Paris	18	64	r
B.Aires*	10	50	f	Peking	35	95	s
Cairo	36	97	s	Perth	15	59	s
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Prague	13	55	r
Chicago*	26	79	s	Reykjavik	11	52	r
Ch'church	10	50	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Cologne	17	63	c	Rio de J	27	81	f
Cyprus	11	52	r	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	26	79	s	Rome	25	77	s
Dublin	13	55	c	Salzburg	20	68	r
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S Frisco*	20	68	s
Faro	30	86	s	Santiago*	12	54	s
Florence	27	81	f	S Paulo*	22	72	s
Frankfurt	18	64	r	Seoul	23	73	sh
Funchal	23	73	s	Sing'por	32	90	t
Geneva	16	61	c	Stkholm	18	64	c
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	c
Helsinki	18	64	c	Sydney	17	63	s
Hong K	27	81	r	Tangier	28	82	s
Innsbruck	14	57	r	Tenerife	25	79	s
Istanbul	24	75	f	Tokyo	26	82	r
Jeddah	36	97	s	Toronto*	25	77	f
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Tunis	27	81	f
L Palmas	24	75	c	Valencia	25	77	f
Le Touquet	16	61	f	Vanc'ver*	14	57	r
Lisbon	31	88	s	Venice	22	72	f
Locarno	23	73	s	Vienna	16	61	f
L.Angeles*	23	73	c	Warsaw	18	64	f
Luxemburg	16	61	f	Wash'ton*	32	90	f
Luxor	39	102	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	s
Madrid	28	82	s	Zurich	15	61	s

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.5	0.04	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	13.3	-	17	63	sunny
Aviemore	1.3	0.02	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	5.6	-	17	63	cloudy
Birmingham	5.7	0.01	17	63	shower
Bognor Regis	4.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Bournemouth	8.0	-	18	64	bright
Bristol	6.4	0.02	17	63	sunny
Cardiff	7.3	-	17	63	bright
Clacton	6.2	0.10	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	11.8	0.07	15	59	sunny
Cromer	12.1	0.15	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	8.0	0.15	17	63	bright
Edinburgh	8.2	-	18	61	bright
Exmouth	10.6	-	18	64	sunny
Folkestone	7.5	-	16	61	bright
Glasgow	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Guernsey	13.6	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	7.4	0.02	17	63	bright
Isle of Man	11.4	0.01	17	63	sunny
Jersey	12.4	0.07	19	66	sunny
Leeds	11.6	-	18	64	sunny
Larwick	7.1	0.04	13	55	shower
Liverpool	12.3	0.03	15	59	sunny
London	5.3	-	17	63	bright
Lowestoft	10.6	-	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	8.3	0.02	17	63	bright
Newcastle	3.8	-	17	63	sunny
Newquay	11.9	-	17	63	sunny
Penzance	8.6	0.02	18	64	bright
Plymouth	7.4	0.03	18	64	bright
Poole	8.1	-	20	68	bright
Scarborough	11.3	-	15	59	sunny
Scilly Isles	11.3	-	18	64	sunny
Shanklin	4.1	0.01	17	63	bright
Southend	7.9	-	18	64	bright
Stornoway	11.4	0.02	16	61	sunny
Swanage	5.5	0.09	18	64	shower
Teignmouth	8.5	-	19	66	sunny
Tiree	12.6	0.01	15	59	sunny
Worthing	7.0	-	17	63	sunny

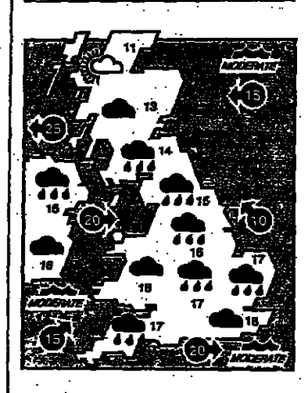
These are Monday's figures

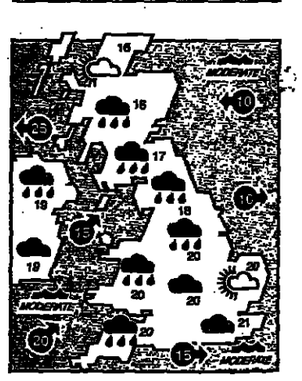
London 9.43 pm to 4.30 am
Bristol 9.52 pm to 4.40 am
Edinburgh 10.20 pm to 4.16 am
Manchester 10.01 pm to 4.28 am
Penzance 9.57 pm to 4.58 am

Sun rises: 5.00 am Sun sets: 9.13 pm
Moon rises: 12.39 am Moon sets: 4.37 pm
New moon July 19

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	r	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'mingham	18	61	c	Inverness	15	59	s
Blackpool	17	63	s	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	13	55	r	London	16	61	r
Cardiff	13	55	r	M'chester	18	61	r
Edinburgh	17	63	f	Newcastle	18	64	f
Glasgow	17	63	f	R'dnsway	14	57	c





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London Bridge	9.50	5.7	10.10	5.6	Liverpool	7.14	7.3	7.55	7.3
Aberdeen	8.33	3.2	10.25	3.1	Lowestoft	6.00	2.0	5.55	2.0
Avonmouth	2.35	9.7	3.08	9.7	Margate	8.04	3.9	8.28	3.4
Belfast	7.10	2.9	7.50	2.9	Milford Haven	1.56	5.2	2.33	5.1
Cardiff	2.20	9.1	2.53	9.1	Newquay	12.55	5.3	1.39	5.2
Devonport			12.47	4.3	Oban	12.47	3.0	1.21	2.9
Dover	7.07	5.1	7.34	5.3	Penzance	12.18	4.4	1.04	4.3
Falmouth	12.26	4.2	1.17	4.1	Portland	12.10	1.3	12.23	1.4
Glasgow	8.23	3.7	9.04	3.9	Portsmouth	6.08	3.6	6.45	4.1
Harwich	7.38	3.2	8.03	3.2	Shoreham	7.10	4.5	7.47	4.7
Holyhead	6.32	4.4	7.18	4.4	Southampton	7.17	3.6	7.45	3.8
Ilfracombe	1.34	6.8	2.10	6.8	Swansea	1.46	2.21	2.21	7.0
King's Lynn	2.22	4.7	2.46	4.8	Tees			12.08	4.4
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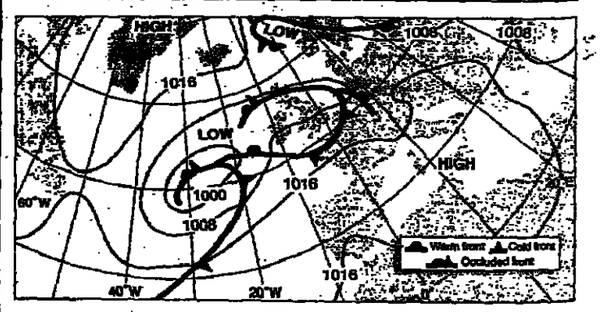

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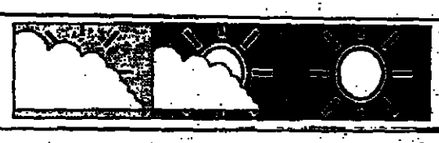

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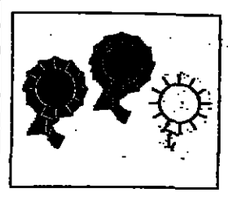

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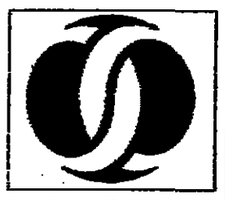

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German mark	2.5681 (+0.0130)
Exchange Index	81.2 (+0.4)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2837.1 (+8.2)
Dow Jones	3516.00 (-8.38)*
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INTEREST RATES

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3-month Interbank	6-5/8%
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3-month Treas Bills	3.04-3.03%*
Long Bond	6.63%*

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RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.1 May (1.3%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Floor show: Lord King, the former chairman of British Airways, makes a point from his unaccustomed seat in the audience yesterday

BA extends the hand of friendship to Virgin

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE great British Airways jamboree opened to rapturous applause at the Barbican Centre, London, yesterday, and passed in a swirl of spotlights, uniforms, inflatable jumbo jets ... and a few frosty comments about *that* airline.

Sir Colin Marshall, taking the stand for the first time as chairman, used the occasion of the annual meeting to hand yet another olive branch to Virgin Atlantic in a fresh attempt to defuse their long-running dispute.

Allegations of a "dirty tricks" campaign by BA against Virgin came to a head in January, when Richard Branson's airline won £610,000 in libel damages, and an "unreserved" apology from BA. Since then, the sides have become embroiled again, and Sir Colin was keen to bring the 1,117 shareholders present up to date.

Talk of a wide-ranging, centrally orchestrated campaign by BA was wide of the mark, he said. However, "a few unconnected incidents of conduct by a few British Airways employees" had come to light, resulting in January's climbdown. These actions, Sir Colin said, were not authorised by any director. "I repeat the assurance to you here today and state further, without qualification, that I did not direct, authorise or implement any improper activities or conduct against Virgin or its chairman," he said. "I did not know about them at the time they occurred. I did not — and do not — condone any such activities."

Sir Colin's remarks may well have been directed at Brian Basham, BA's former external public relations adviser, who earlier swept into the Barbican muttering about flawed judgment and questionable integrity. Mr Basham, sacked by BA earlier this year, has called for an independent enquiry into the Virgin affair.

Sir Colin invited Virgin to submit to arbitration in a fresh attempt to end legal wrangling. A previous attempt led by the Civil Aviation Authority was abandoned last month. In May, Virgin issued a writ against BA in the High Court alleging breach of copyright, breach of confidence and misuse of confidential information. The battle was taken further on Monday, when Virgin filed a complaint with the European Commission, accusing BA of giving incentives to big companies and travel agents.

Despite the shadow cast by the affair, the past year had not been lacking in success. BA had established itself in continental Europe, and had taken stakes in USAir and Qantas.

Most of the shareholders present seemed more concerned about travel discounts and noise pollution. One gentleman demanded to know why a ticket to Malaga cost £32 more on BA.

Earlier, Sir Colin paid homage to his mentor, Lord King, who took a front-row seat for the event. Lord King stepped down early as chairman in February, taking the honorary title of president.

The meeting ended with a spectacular preview of the new BA uniforms, which will be phased in from early next year. Shareholders filed out past a counter selling BA mugs, USAir T-shirts and plastic jumbo jets. Refreshments were not served.

Regulator puts water shares in a spin

BY CARL MORTISHED

WATER company shareholders had a roller-coaster ride yesterday as Ian Byatt, director-general of Ofwat, published the regulator's costing of new environmental obligations on the water industry.

The announcement that Ofwat estimates bills will need to rise by 5 per cent a year in real terms from 1995-2000 caused the sector to gain between 1 and 2 per cent in value on hopes that rises in income would be reflected in real growth in dividends. But the gains were lost when the market realised the companies' profits could still be hit by next July's decision on price limits.

Industry analysts believe that Ofwat is playing a sophisticated game in warning the government of the political risk of high water charges in order to secure a less stringent water quality regime in the coming battle over water bills.

The report, *Paying for Quality: the Political Perspective*, said existing quality obligations would cost the industry £5 billion a year in capital expenditure and £3 billion annually in operating costs between 1995 and the end of the century.

If potential EC directives on water quality were included, the totals would be higher.

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Pound soars after boost in output

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ **Strong production figures by British manufacturers added to hopes of a more broadly based recovery, boosting sterling against both the dollar and the mark**

STERLING jumped yesterday as doubts about the strength of the recovery were dispelled by figures showing another good performance by British manufacturers.

The pound piled on more than a cent and a half against the dollar and more than a pfennig against the mark. Its trade weighted index closed at 81.2 against 80.8 on Monday.

The reaction of financial markets to more evidence of a broadly based recovery, and one healthily tilted towards manufacturing, exports and investment rather than to the consumer sector, is ambiguous.

One camp argues that the pound's continued strength threatens to undermine the competitive edge from devaluation that is the cornerstone of manufacturers' current performance and that, if sterling appreciates much further, interest rates should be cut. The other camp says the recovery has considerable momentum and that further rate cuts are not needed. This view seems to have most credence in the foreign exchange and gilts markets.

The focus for the foreign exchange markets yesterday remained the franc, which stabilised but showed no signs of recovering after its drop on Monday. At the European close, the franc was trading at around 3.4150 against the mark, a touch weaker than its close on Monday and still perilously close to its ERM floor of 3.4305.

The Bundesbank was not thought to have been intervening yesterday, or at least not in anything like the public fashion of Monday, but the Bank of France was reported to have been in the market continuously in defence of the franc.

Few currency economists expect the franc to have anything more than a brief respite. Mark Austin, chief currency economist at Midland Global Markets, believes that, without a substantial German interest rate cut either tomorrow or in two weeks' time, which he thinks is unlikely, the French authorities are in trouble. " The longer this drags out without the necessary help, the worse it gets and the greater the risks for the French economy."

The markets will today be looking for news of a cut in the Bundesbank's repurchase rate as a clue to whether it will cut official rates tomorrow, although a substantial lowering of the repo rate is not expected. ☐ The German government passed a draft 1994 budget and a package of austerity proposals which Theo Waigel, the finance minister, said should clear the way for further German interest rate cuts. The 1994 budget foresees a 4.4 per cent increase in spending to DM478.4 billion and an average 2.3 per cent annual increase in the 1993-97 period. Of the total 1994 government expenditure, DM67.5 billion will be financed by new debt and DM67.3 billion will go towards servicing current debt.

By slashing social benefits, freezing ministers' salaries and drastically cutting state subsidies, Herr Waigel hopes to save DM21 billion next year and increase the savings to DM28 billion a year by 1996. The influential German Institute for Economic Research claims the proposal leave little room for interest rates cuts and would lead to nil economic growth next year. ☐ US producer prices fell by 0.3 per cent in June, the largest monthly decline since March, 1991. The fall was bigger than most economists had predicted. The core rate of producer price inflation, which excludes food and energy prices, fell by 0.1 per cent against expectations that it would remain flat.

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Sunday trading and the Budget deficit

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

One prediction can be made with some certainty about the heavily symbolic debate over the government's Sunday trading bill: protagonists on all sides will seek to cloak in rational-sounding argument opinions grounded in emotion or ideology. This will be hard to achieve, since no in-depth analysis has been made of what will inevitably be a critical piece of social engineering.

Too much reliance will doubtless be placed on a study commissioned by the Home Office from London Economics, published as *The Economic Impact of Alternative Sunday Trading Regulations*. This appears to offer ammunition for all, not least because short-run effects on prices, jobs and pay of deregulation or of restricting present practice tend to be opposite to the long-run effects. They also tend to be insignificant in either direction. On the model's projections, for instance, full deregulation might at best save 35p a week on the average family's total shopping bills at the cost of 20,000 jobs out of 1.7 million.

That puts some perspective on yesterday's claim from the Consumers' Association that total deregulation was the only solution because it saved consumers most money, as it does equally on arguments for or against other options for fear of job losses. The London Economics study, though a useful source of information, is not its most impressive. For instance, its headline projection is that average weekly retail wages might rise by £2.60 as a result of complete deregulation. Yet London Economics admits in the body of its report that this is unrealistic. High wage premiums for working on Sunday would probably fall under the impact of competition, since they would raise overall costs, but since the researchers cannot guess in advance how much of the premium would be eliminated, they have ignored this effect in their figures.

Surely such economic minutiae cannot be what the argument is really about. All the economic study really says is that the more trading is deregulated, the faster existing trends towards concentration in retailing will move. The tighter trading is restricted, the longer small family shops and independent traders will hold out against the tide. The more fundamental impact of reform will be felt through changing patterns of work. Already, about half retail jobs are part-time. Since a seven-day *working* week is out, moving to a seven-day *trading* week would eventually make almost all direct retail jobs part-time.

Working in shops has never been highly paid, but full-time workers could at least hope to keep a family decently on the proceeds. Converting more than half a million jobs from full-time to part-time will swell the growing number of British jobs that are inadequate to maintain a family at the minimum standards assumed in the social security rules. Market forces are creating ever more of what used to be called women's jobs. That insulting tag is no longer used but tells a story: such jobs provide additional rather than base family income. As changing employment patterns show, these jobs are increasingly not second jobs but the only declared earnings supporting a family. The rest is made up by the taxpayer in social security. Precisely such trends as these are pushing the social security budget out of control and entrenching a chronic Budget deficit.

There is no longer an army of men or women second-earners, ready to come into the workforce as cheap labour. In some parts of the country, more women than men are already in work. Rather, taxpayers and those who lend money to the government are increasingly subsidising jobs. No wonder part-time working seems more attractive to some employers. Sunday working by one member of a family, like the much more general and, therefore, more important trend to unsocial hours, will also tend to undermine the nuclear family, as journalists can attest, putting even more single parent families into or near the social security net.

The impact of Sunday trading rules can be exaggerated. After all, a higher proportion of shops already open on Sunday in England and Wales than in de-regulated Scotland. If the debate is to go beyond freedom versus the Sabbath, however, it should focus on how social trends are ratchetting public spending upwards.

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De Larosière leads in race for EBRD job

Lawson: "worthy candidate"

Németh: awaits backing

De Larosière: credentials

Breuel: Treuhand setback

Sarcinelli: Italian official

Christophersen: named

Pöhl: discounted himself

THE rudderless European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) still has no official list of candidates to succeed Jacques Attali, its departing president, but another Frenchman has emerged as frontrunner in the race (Colin Narbrough writes).

Jacques de Larosière, 64, governor of the Banque de France, whose candidature has the blessing of the French, German and Americans, has almost unchallengeable credentials. Before taking over the French central bank in 1987, he was managing director of the International Monetary Fund. The only other name publicly put forward by a government is that of Henning Christophersen, the European economics commissioner and former Danish finance minister.

Although M Attali, the EBRD's first president, announced his decision to resign last month, formal letters inviting member countries to submit candidates only went out last Thursday. The deadline for nominations is next Wednesday.

Anne Wibble, the Swedish EBRD chairman, who wants a president in place by September, said there was still no official candidates list, "only the speculation in the newspapers". In remarks to *The Times* last week, she expressed confidence that consensus would be achieved among the governors on the new president.

Speculation about a successor has persisted since M Attali came under fire for the bank's free-spending style on its City headquarters and staff, in contrast to its tiny disbursement of funds to the former Soviet bloc.

Other well-known names aired as potential supremos range from Karl Otto Pöhl, the former Bundesbank president, to Miklós Németh, the ex-communist prime minister of Hungary. Herr Pöhl has ruled out his own candidature and Mr Németh, EBRD vice-president for personnel and administration, has yet to secure his government's backing.

Discussions among European finance ministers on Monday prompted a rash of speculation that Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, was about to be launched as Britain's candidate, a prospect that amused some ministers. Even Treasury officials, while acknowledging Lord Lawson as a potentially "worthy" candidate, said no decisions had been made concerning a British contender.

In the horse-trading that led the EBRD's headquarters coming to London, Britain conceded that the president's post would go to the French. An unresolved issue is whether France can claim the right to keep the presidency in perpetuity after M Attali's departure. Britain thinks not.

Italy is considering putting Mario Sarcinelli, the EBRD's vice-president for development banking, up for the job. Although he has been a senior official in Rome, the corruption scandals sweeping Italy suggest an Italian, even one without taint, would hardly be the choice for a bank seeking restored credibility. Ernest Stern, the World Bank director, at one time tipped as the man who would take effective control of the EBRD, is not in the running, as the bank's statutes require a European for the top job.

Birgit Breuel, head of the Treuhand agency responsible for privatising east Germany, was a strong candidate during the EBRD annual meeting in April, as it was then hoped that the Treuhand would have completed its work by the end of this year. But setbacks in the Treuhand programme forced her to concede last week that plans to wrap up its operations will be delayed.

☐ The findings of the audit committee probe into EBRD spending and budget controls will be issued to directors tomorrow, but not to the press until Friday.

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Construction prices suicidal say surveyors

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CUT-THROAT competition in the recession-hit building industry is forcing prices in construction down to "suicidal levels", chartered surveyors say.

The latest survey from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors underlines recent reports from construction companies that prices remain tight as the industry is still in recession, despite government efforts to boost it and the more general signs of overall economic improvement.

While low prices in the building industry are attractive to many customers, the fall in prices emphasises the severity of the difficulties the industry is facing at a time when many economists are looking for an upturn in construction to shore up a fragile recovery.

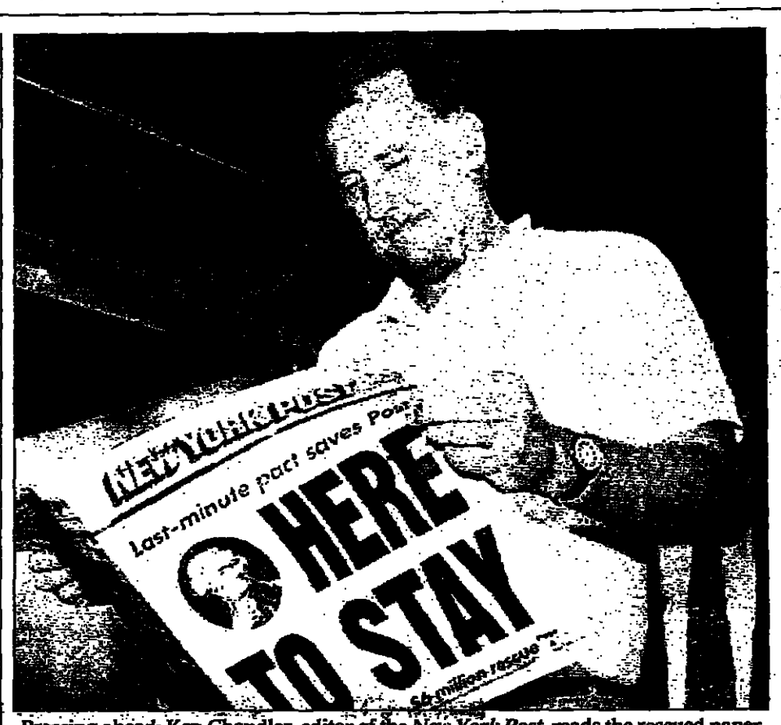
Analysing tenders for building schemes accepted over the last three months, the institution's building cost information service's index shows that prices fell 3 per cent in the first quarter of this year. While this is a continuation of a downward trend in the index, which has fallen by a quarter since its peak in 1989, the latest fall takes it to a level not seen since 1986.

The RICS, which represents 67,000 property surveyors, says that tender prices are likely to remain at their present low level well into next year. While contractors' costs are estimated to increase by 5.5 per cent over the next two years, extensive spare capacity — firms suggest that 90 per cent of the industry is working below full capacity — will keep tender prices down, the institution says. It adds that current prices pose a threat to the survival of some building firms.

Neil Pountney, the RICS construction spokesman, says: "This is desperate news for an industry which should be leading the country's investment recovery." He adds that "work levels will not allow tender prices to rise until late 1994 and, with pressure on supply and sub-contract costs, it is difficult to see how some companies will cope."

Chartered surveyors believe that even after building companies have restructured and slimmed down over the past 12 months, recent financial results from some of the big-name builders indicate the severity of the problems facing the industry.

Urging companies to build, the institution says that the cost of construction is the lowest for seven years.



Pressing ahead: Ken Chandler, editor of the New York Post, reads the rescued paper

Transfer of NY Post likely in two months

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE News Corporation is expected within two months to take full control of the *New York Post* for the second time in almost five years.

News Corp has gained the cost-saving agreements it said were necessary for the paper's survival and has extended its management contract for the paper until August 30, pending a transfer of ownership.

A spokesman for News Corp, which owns *The Times*, said: "We expect to conclude the transfer of the paper to News Corporation by August. Both sides are pretty upbeat."

The Post, whose editor is Ken Chandler, was back on the streets yesterday with a page one headline: "Here to Stay." Publication was suspended last Friday, when talks broke down between News Corp's News America Publishing and the Post's 11 unions. But after round-the-clock talks, ten of the unions — representing 435 of the paper's 725 staff — agreed to $6.2 million in savings.

The Post is losing $12 million a year, and News America has lost $4 million since taking day-to-day control on March 29. Negotiations are continuing with the York Newspaper Guild, which represents 290 journalists, advertising and other white-collar staff.

News Corp owned the newspaper between 1976 and 1988, but was forced to sell it by a change in media ownership rules. These prohibited any one company from owning both a newspaper and a television station in the same city.

But in a move to save the 192-year-old Post, America's oldest newspaper, News Corp was granted a special waiver from the Federal Communications Commission, the American broadcasting authority, enabling it to own both.

BAe given renewed hope on Taiwan deal

TAIWAN raised British Aerospace hopes of completing a joint venture to continue production of the BAe 146 regional jet yesterday after a Taiwan official said the government and a local banking consortium had agreed on financing for the the venture. Yang Shih-chien, an economics minister, said details still needed to be worked out but he was optimistic that the venture, delayed by several months of discussions over financing, could go ahead.

A bank consortium, led by Chiao Tung Bank, will provide US$400 million in low-interest loans to the venture to support leases that would help to sell the regional passenger jets, which seat between 75 and 115. Smaller jets tend to be leased rather than sold outright in world markets. The consortium is also expected to lend US$60 million in operating funds and the Taiwan government will provide 7 billion Taiwan dollars (£180 million) of loans to finance development of a more advanced jet, the RJX. Final agreement on the joint venture would protect 3,000 jobs at Woodford, near Manchester.

Electron sparkles

ELECTRON House, the electronic components distributor, unveiled a 58 per cent surge in full-year profits and sounded an upbeat note on prospects for the current year. Organic growth and lower interest costs helped pre-tax profits jump to £2.25 million in the year to the end of May, compared with £1.42 million. Turnover, reflecting discontinued activities, fell to £89 million (£125.4 million). Earnings jump 88 per cent to 4.92p (2.62p) a share. The final dividend is 1.55p (1.35p), giving a total of 2.6p (2.35p).

Merrill Lynch record

MERRILL Lynch, the American investment group, reported record second-quarter and first-half profits. Second-quarter earnings were up 53 per cent to $345 million on an 18 per cent rise in revenues to $3.97 billion. First-half profits totalled $687 million, up from $444 million, after a $58.6 million charge for accounting changes. Revenues were up 17 per cent to $7.93 billion. Record second-quarter revenues were achieved in all categories, with net revenues, after interest expense, rising 20 per cent.

Jacques Vert advances

SHARES in Jacques Vert, the fashion wholesaler and retailer, shot ahead 14p to 101p after the group reported profits of £1.03 million in the year to April 24 compared with a £4.65 million loss. The company, which in the words of Alan Green, joint chairman, came back from the dead, is paying a 2.0p final dividend, making a total up from 2.0p to 3.0p. No payment was made at the final stage last year. Mr Green said gearing had been more than halved to 37 per cent by the year end and borrowings cut by £3 million.

Colorvision pays same

COLORVISION, the television and satellite systems retailer, maintained the total dividend at 5.6p for the year to end-March via a 3.1p final, despite tough trading. Pre-tax profits bounced from £84,000 to £1.8 million during a year in which the group opened eight shops, bringing the total to 89. Colorvision also opened its first superstore selling white goods. Earnings per share rose from 0.3p to 5.6p. Colorvision says cost control remains a priority as there has been no sales improvement in the first quarter of the new financial year.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on any of the business days prior to the date of the meeting.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

FORMSIGRAFT LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

IN THE MATTER OF MEADOWDAWN LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S. 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 8 July 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5NU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Dated this 8th July 1993

JOSSEY BASS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

LICENSED MERCHANDISING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

MACDONALD PHOEBUS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

HIGH-END REPRO LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ on 21st July 1993 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Any information required by the Creditors concerning the company's affairs may be obtained from C.M. Jones of Morison Stoneham, 805 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5SQ, being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.
By Order of the Board
12 July 1993
Richard Speller, Director.

No. 004177 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF NIMBUS MANUFACTURING (UK) LIMITED
AND THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated 16 June 1993 confirming a reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company by £1,227,884 was registered by The Registrar of Companies on 6 July 1993.
DATED this 8th day of July 1993
Morgan Bruce of Bradley Court, Park Place, Cardiff CF1 3DP, Solicitors for the above named Company Ref: SEB/0238/95/2

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
BRUNTONS LIMITED
Registered number: 2501368.
Formerly trading as: John Brunton Partnership Ltd. Nature of business: Architects Practice. Trade classification: 7411. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 1 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Yorkshire Bank Plc. 20 Merrion Way, Leeds. Joint Administrative Receivers: John Victor Ayre and Mark Timothy Bothell (office holder nos: 1073 and 6622). Address: Ernst & Young, Barclays House, 6 East Parade, Leeds LS1 1HA.

The Insolvency Act 1986
QUEENSWAY LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Simon George Taylor, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above company by the members and creditors on 9th July 1993.
Dated this 9th day of July 1993
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

PAULTON INVESTMENTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

PRINTCOM INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

REGIONAL SWEET MAGAZINE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

ROBERT STANTON LIMITED
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

SWAN ENGRAVING COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
JOHN BRUNTON PLC
Registered number: 1800864.
Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade classification: 98. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 1 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Yorkshire Bank Plc, 20 Merrion Way, Leeds. Joint Administrative Receivers: John Victor Ayre and Mark Timothy Bothell (office holder nos: 1073 and 6622). Address: Ernst & Young, Barclays House, 6 East Parade, Leeds LS1 1HA.

THAMES PUBLISHING COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

THE HISTORY BOOK CLUB LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
VILLA CONSTRUCTION LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Gladstone Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool L3 6QB on Monday 19 July 1993 at 2 pm, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Butcher Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 3QP between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Thursday 15 July 1993 and Friday 16 July 1993.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt not later than 12 noon on Friday 16 July 1993. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its estimated value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Dated 8 July 1993
Denny Lyons, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RAY HODGES ASSOCIATES LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH on Friday the 16th day of July 1993 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Company's affairs is FFA Wessely of Chope and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH.
Dated this 8th day of July 1993
By Order of the Board
Mrs Ray Hodges, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
NEONDOOR LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth, of Shuttleworth & Co., 9 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex RM1 2JT, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 8th July 1993.
Dated this 9th day of July 1993
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

THE SECURITY GAZETTE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 27 July 1993 at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

WATERLOW & SONS (PARK ROYAL) LIMITED
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7 July 1993
R E Cockton
for and on behalf of
MCC Directors Limited
Director

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - (1) Sirdan Medical Fund.
(2) The British Scholarship Trust for Yugoslavs
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGV-R141830A/1.
R141166A/1-CDC/Lds32. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Decorative Arts Society 1850 - 1945
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGV-R71858 A/1-LA. CDC/Lds32. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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Rich executives get richer as changes hit the boardroom

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ Although boardrooms have not entirely escaped the pain of recession, 41 per cent of directors received pay rises of up to 10 per cent, well ahead of inflation

WELL-PAID company executives received the biggest corporate pay increases last year, according to a new study of the boards of UK companies, which also finds that one in six top executives took a pay cut.

The findings of the survey of UK company boards, by Korn-Ferry, the international executive search consultancy, also suggest a significant shift in the size and composition of company boards, with the proposals of the Cadbury committee on corporate governance showing strong signs of being absorbed, but the position of women in companies is found to be still poor.

While the survey of *The Times 1,000* companies shows the impact of the recession in the number of executives taking a pay cut, with 5 per cent of those studied seeing their pay fall by 10 per cent or more — usually in the loss of most, if not all, of their previous year's bonus — the study suggests that 41 per cent of executives had pay rises of up to 10 per cent, well ahead of inflation.

While median pay rises at 4-8 per cent were down on last year's figures of 8-10 per cent, a quarter saw their pay increase by up to 30 per cent, while 7 per cent saw even higher increases.

The survey, published yesterday, which covered companies such as Dixons, Pilkington, Blue Circle, T&N, Lucas, Guinness, AEA, Nissan, Rank, Anglian Water, Pearson, and Nuclear Electric, said: "The better paid generally received greater increases."

Michael Brandon, a director of the consultancy, said: "The rich are getting richer."

Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, who was present at the report's launch, said that the spread of executives' pay rises was so large that it confirmed the CBI's view that "there are lots of downs as well as ups on executive pay".

Mr Davies said that the survey showed that companies were taking account of the Cadbury proposals on the way companies are run, with a significantly greater proportion now splitting the roles of chairman and chief executive.

The report also showed that 85 per cent of the companies surveyed, as against 75 per cent last year, now conform to this pattern, and the survey also suggested a continued increase in part-time chairmen and non-executive directors, leading to what Korn-Ferry said was the establishment of a new "cadre" of people taking such posts.

Professor George Bain, principal of the London Business School, who was also at the launch, said that the study showed the increasing educational base, both in terms of university degrees and business qualifications such as MBAs, of company boards.

Like Mr Davies, Professor Bain criticised companies' performances in promoting women to board level, with the study showing no increase in the number of women on company boards, in spite of such initiatives as Opportunity 2000, the government-backed drive to increase women's involvement in a range of organisations.

The study suggested, too, that company boards are becoming smaller, with 80 per cent of bigger companies having boards of six to eleven members. It also found that half the larger listed companies have as many non-executive directors as executives on their boards, or more.

TONY WHITE

Faring well: Colin Cooke, left, and John Foley, managing director of Triplex, which delivered a solid performance

Profit level is held at Triplex

TRIPLEX Lloyd, the West Midlands industrial engineering group, turned in a solid full-year performance, maintaining profits in spite of harsh trading conditions affecting its car parts and building products divisions (Philip Pangalos writes).

Improved margins helped Triplex hold pre-tax profits at £7.08 million in the year to end-March, virtually unchanged from £7.07 million last time. Turnover was £163.5 million (£167.2 million).

Colin Cooke, the chairman, said that the car parts division had experienced difficult market conditions in the second half of the year, but major investment projects were expected to benefit the operation in the current year.

The total dividend is maintained at 7p a share, with an unchanged final payout of 4.5p. Earnings dip to 9.8p (10.9p) a share, reflecting this year's £17.3 million rights issue.

Savills fights back as property revives

By Carl Mortished

THE surge in commercial property investment and renewed interest by overseas buyers in the London house market boosted fee income by £1.6 million at Savills last year. Turnover rose 7 per cent to £25 million, helping the quoted surveyors to transform last year's loss of £2.9 million into a pre-tax profit of £1.4 million for the year to April 30.

George Inge, chairman, said that the results were achieved by maintaining tight control of the group's cost base, down by £1 million on the previous year. "We have actually pushed up our turnover and increased our market share in what was a difficult trading year," he said.

Fee income from investment transactions was up by 25 per cent because of the influx of foreign money, as well as renewed activity from UK institutions, enabling Savills Commercial to make an operating profit of £819,000 on turnover of £10.7 million. Agency work is still suffering from the recession and falling rental values, but Savills earned about £1 million from consultancy work for banks and receivers, including Canary Wharf's administrators.

Overseas buyers gave a fillip to the top end of the London housing market at the beginning of this year and transactions rose from 278 to 404 in the period to April, with the average selling price rising 15 per cent to £405,000.

Savills generated £3.5 million cash, increasing funds on deposit at the year end from £2 million to £5 million. The return to profit means that it can resume dividends, with a 1p distribution for the year after 2.2p earnings per share.

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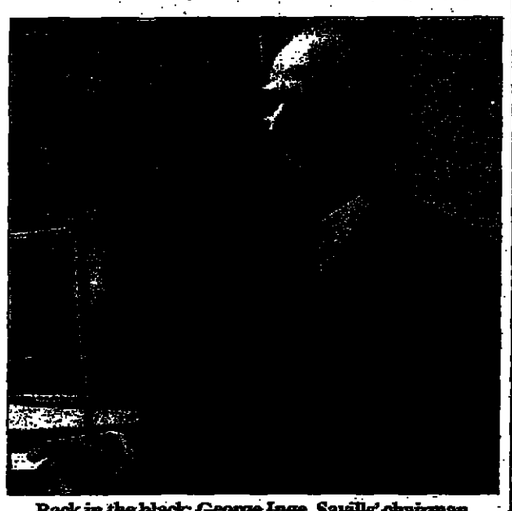

Back in the black: George Inge, Savills' chairman

Sackcloth on display at Aegis

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

SACKCLOTH and ashes were the order of the day at the annual meeting in London of Aegis, the media buyer that was, in a former guise, the advertising agency WCRS, after institutional anger earlier this year at the generous payoffs made to former directors.

Frank Law, who replaced Peter Scott, one of the beneficiaries of the £3.7 million compensation package recorded in the latest accounts, as chairman, said that in the light of the Cadbury recommendations on corporate governance, existing directors' contracts would now give no more than two years of security. Mr Scott was on a five-year contract and was paid £2.25 million after quitting because the company's headquarters was moved to Paris.

Mr Law told shareholders that 19 executives of the Carat France business had voluntarily offered a reduction of between 7 per cent and 25 per cent in their pay. "The offer was accepted and has been much appreciated," he said.

Mr Law said the total cost of the group's 12-member board in 1992, including pay, expenses, accommodation and support staff, was about £4.8 million but it should fall to £2.7 million this year. Total employment costs rose by 40 per cent to £68 million, largely as a result of acquisitions, but would be cut. Mr Law said Aegis had sold both its executive jets since he became chairman. One aircraft fetched £2.3 million last year, while the second went in January for £2 million.

Aegis's first half trading to end-June had been profitable but difficult, Mr Law said.

Four split £27m bonus of shares at Cray Electronics

By Martin Flanagan

THE four businessmen who have transformed Cray Electronics over the past four years are in line for a £27 million all-share bonus. This was confirmed as the company took the wraps off pre-tax profits that have soared more than 1,000 per cent to £29 million from £2.3 million in the year to end-April.

The Cray directors to benefit from the share subscription package, which was part of a complicated three-phase incentive scheme when they came on board in 1989, are Roger Holland, chairman, Jon Richards, managing director, Jeff Harrison, finance director, and Sir Peter Michael, former Cray chairman and non-executive director.

Mr Richards said: "It is not a cash handout. It is an investment that has come good. We each invested £750,000 into Cray when we joined. In the first two years, it looked like we had blown the money."

Mr Harrison said: "All the investors who stayed with us have made substantial gains themselves." He added that investors were now sitting on £5 for every £1 they invested when the team took over after controversy over the previous management's accounting policies.

The shares deal could lead to the quartet of company doctors taking an 8 per cent stake in the company they have turned round.

Yesterday, Cray announced that, even stripping out gains from business disposals and exchange rates, it boosted profits to £17.6 million.

The group, which is a European leader in providing computer networks to businesses, says last year's acquisition of Dowty's information technology business has been assimilated smoothly. It is now part of the main Cray Communications division, which contributed £12.7 million of profits, compared with £3.7 million from Cray Systems and £900,000 from Cray Technology.

The latter, comprising principally the original Cray defence electronics companies, is not regarded as a core business, but is not being marketed for sale. However, Mr Richards said: "Anything is for sale at the right price."

The group now has cash balances of £12 million, compared with debts of £15 million a year ago. The directors said that they had reduced the cost base by £10 million in the past 18 months. Earnings per share leapt to 13.8p (1.9p) and a final dividend of 1p makes 1.5p (0.5p) for the year.

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Investor shows interest in doomed Timex plant

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

THE Timex plant in Dundee that is set to close at the end of the year, after a bitter industrial dispute, may not be empty for long, according to Scottish Enterprise (SE) the government-funded development organisation.

Crawford Beveridge, the chief executive of SE, said that there had aready been some interest from a potential investor whom he refused to identify. The investor was not American, he said. The Timex plant will be included in SE's portfolio of potential sites, which are marketed to overseas investors planning to locate in Scotland.

Mr Beveridge, unveiling the organisation's annual results, said that slower than hoped for economic growth meant that last year was a difficult one, but the Scottish economy had performed better than most could have expected.

The agency's budget of £449 million was only fractionally up on the previous year. However, new business start-ups rose from 4,000 in the year to end-March 1992 to 4,345 in the year to end-March 1993. Mr Beveridge said 40,000 jobs had been created or safeguarded in Scotland last year because of SE's investment.

Most of the £377 million budget was spent through the 13 local enterprise companies, marginally less than last year. A total of £184 million was spent on youth and adult training, down from £207 million, but the figure for those achieving vocational qualifications rose from 11,200 to 13,762. With the Scottish Office industry department, SE helped to win £100 million worth of new export orders for Scottish businesses. Scotland exports 67 per cent of its manufacturing output.

Donald MacKay, SE's chairman, said that there had been a huge growth in Scottish exports to the European Community, up from 23 per cent in 1973 to 58 per cent in 1992.

Through "Locate in Scotland", a joint enterprise of SE and the Scottish Office, 65 inward investment projects were started, with a planned total investment of £352 million and the creation or safeguarding of 8,000 jobs.

Mr Beveridge said that as well as the £449 million invested directly in the economy, Scottish Enterprise had created spending of up to a further £800 million through its activities.

He said it was too early to say how the government's plans for cutting public spending would affect the budget in future years.

Professor MacKay denied reports that the European Community social fund, which contributes £20 million of SE's budget, was reconsidering its funding. "We have used the funds for the purpose for which they were intended and we are open to inspection. We have nothing to hide," he said.

Making their point: pickets venting their anger at replacement Timex workers

Birse axes payout after £18m loss

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

BIRSE Group, the builder and civil engineer, has recorded a second year of big losses, but hopes to return to the black in the current trading year.

Birse shares fell ½p to 19p as the company announced pretax losses of £18.5 million in the year to April 30, increased from £12.3 million last time. There is no dividend, against a total of 1.65p the previous year.

Peter Birse, the chairman, said that the company's banking facilities had been restructured to put its £27 million of debt on a three-year basis to allow time to sell the group's property portfolio, currently in the books at £35 million.

The construction division had slipped into an operating loss after continued pressure on margins and difficulties in securing satisfactory and timely settlements with clients on long-term contracts. Birse is increasingly concentrating on more resilient areas of construction, such as water services and road-building, which each now account for about 30 per cent of workload.

The housebuilding side increased sales by a quarter, but further weakening of house prices led to continued losses. Mr Birse said that he was looking for a considerable improvement in its performance in the current year.

Like much of the building industry, Birse is waiting keenly for a final decision on the go-ahead for London Underground's Jubilee Line extension. The company has outstanding about £170 million of work for which it has bid.

"I think it will happen, but when is another matter," Mr Birse said. "It's beginning to sound a bit like a fairy tale."

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Caledonian offer to buy privatised British Coal

By Our Scotland Correspondent

CALEDONIAN Mining Co has put a proposal to the government to buy all the British Coal industry when it is privatised. The Newark mining company wants to see the assets of British Coal sold as a unit rather than piecemeal, which it says would lead to the death of the industry.

The company's proposals are said to have been well received by ministers. It is suggesting a transfer to private ownership of British Coal over a period, with the government initially holding 49 per cent and with 51 per cent in private ownership.

Colin MacLeod, chairman, says: "Caledonian would wish to own a significant part of the 51 per cent. As with other privatisations, the government holding could then be fed into the market place at intervals, as efficiency and profit-earning potential increases with private sector participation."

Caledonian also envisages the miners having a share of the business. It says it would welcome employee participation in share ownership, with subsequent bonus entitlements. In return, it would expect to be able to negotiate no-strike agreements and modern working practices.

The company says it has made a number of submissions to the government, but says it is not possible to quantify the detailed financial implications or to be specific about the selection of collieries until further information is available from the government or British Coal.

UK loses EC tax battle

The government was found guilty yesterday of tax discrimination against foreign companies operating in Britain.

The European Court of Justice ruled that it was illegal under EC law to treat resident and non-resident companies differently over compensation for overpaid taxes.

The result is a victory for Germany's Commerzbank, which has a branch in Britain deemed non-resident for tax purposes. The branch had paid huge taxes, which were refunded because of the company's non-resident status. When it claimed compensation, the government refused.

Payout pegged

Real Time Control, which develops software, supplies and services systems for retail electronic point of sale (Epos) applications, is maintaining its dividend at 3p despite a 58.7 per cent slump in full-year profits to £492,000 (£1.19 million) in the year to end-March.

Wyko slumps

Wyko, the power transmission to bearings group, fell £20,000 in the red in its latest trading year compared with a taxable profit of £1.4 million last time. The total payout is cut to 1p (2.80p) via a 0.5p final.

GFSA shines

Net profits from the four gold mines in the Gold Fields of South Africa group rose by 14.7 per cent to R306.6 million (£61.3m) in the three months ended June.

ML in the black

ML Laboratories, the medical research company, moved into a profit of £65,089 in the six months to end-March (£447,008 loss).

Pilkington edges up ahead of Italian deal

PILKINGTON, the glassmaker, is close to signing a deal of about 200 billion Italian lire (£85 million) to acquire Societa Italiana Vetro (SIV), the Italian glassmaker, from the liquidator of the collapsed state holding company EFIM. Pilkington is making a joint bid with Techint Finanziaria for SIV, a leading flat and safety glass maker in Italy, with sales of about £300 million and net assets of £155 million. Pilkington shares rose 1p to 130p yesterday.

Share prices generally continued to trade in narrow limits, investors still seeming to suffer from a lack of direction. The equity market recovered an early markdown, being helped by better than expected industrial production figures to finish higher, with the FT-SE 100 index up 6.2, at 2,837.1. Trading conditions remain thin and it was left to several small programme trades to boost turnover to 592 million shares.

Water companies saw early gains eroded after Ofwat, the industry regulator, gave warning that bills for domestic users are set to rise sharply to pay for higher quality standards being imposed by the European Commission.

Ofwat has asked the government to limit the impact on consumers. However, **Anglian** eased 1p to 490p, after 498p. **Southern** 1p to 490p, after 497p, **Welsh** 6p to 560p, **Wessex** 4p to 580p and **Yorkshire** 3p to 487p. There were sharply reduced gains for **Northumbrian**, up 5p to 573p, and **Severn Trent**, up 1p to 478p, while **North West** on 478p, **South West** on 519p, and **Thames** on 490p held steady.

NatWest Securities gave **ICI** a scare as it continued to tell clients to sell down to 550p. NatWest says that there will be no dividend growth until 1997 after the Zeneca demerger. The market seems to take a contrary view. ICI ending 5p up at 645p.

Court Cavendish, the healthcare group, failed to win a warm reception in first-time dealings. Offered at 225p, the shares started at 210p and continued to lose ground, ending the session at 207p, a discount of 18p.

Insurers regained composure as worries about exposure to flood damage in America eased. There were gains for **Commercial Union**, up 11p to 615p, **General Accident**, up 9p to 622p, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, up 5p to 202p, **Royal Insurance**, up 2p to 320p, and **Sun Alliance**, up 1p to 373p. Kleinwort Benson has told clients that GRE's price has run far enough and has switched its recommendation for Royal from buy to hold. It remains a buyer of Commercial Union and General Accident.

Legal & General, the life insurance group, climbed 13p to 500p after bullish comments by stockbroker Credit Lyonnais Laing. It expects the group to have halted the decline in new business of the past three years and that it may even register an increase in market share.

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and household products group, was a nervous market, falling 25p to 987p in late trading, fearing repercussions of a detergents price war. Procter and Gamble, in the US, has cut the price of two products. Other companies are expected to follow suit.

British Aerospace continued to progress, rising 7p to 427p, awaiting expected news of a Saudi Arabian contract. Sentiment was bolstered by the rise in sales of Rover cars. **Rolls-Royce** made headway on the back of support for BAe, adding 1½p to 144p.

Cray Electronics encountered profit-taking, falling 8p to 154p after better than expected full-year figures showing its recovery continuing.

Hammerson 'A' rose 6p to 304p after take-up of almost 97 per cent for its near-£200 million seven-for-15 rights issue at 255p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts had a firm start, helped by another positive performance from sterling. However, prices came off the boil after industrial production figures appeared to scupper any remaining hopes of an early cut in interest rates.

Turnover rose sharply in futures, with 68,000 contracts completed in the September **long gilt**, down £¼, to £107³¹/₃₂.

Index-linked issues were in demand. The Bank of England was able to exhaust remaining supplies of new tranches issued this month.

Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell five ticks to £109¼. **Treasury 9½ 1999** was £¼ down at £111.

Michael Clark

WORLD MARKETS

Credit hope gives boost to Nikkei

Tokyo — Expectations of a credit easing swept the Nikkei index above 20,000 for the first time since June 15: it closed up 200.42, or 1 per cent, at 20,180.42, its highest level since June 14. Trading remained slim, with an estimated 320 million shares traded.

The market was boosted by buying in interest-rate sensitive banking shares, brokers said. Shares were also supported by higher bond prices, seen as another sign of a credit-easing soon.

☐ **New York** — American shares were narrowly mixed at midday, weighed by some profit-taking and investor caution ahead of today's consumer price data. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.38 points, at 3,516.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German share prices recovered from the day's lows, hit on profit-taking, helping the Dax to close in the upper half of yesterday's trading range at 1,807.16, down 11.01. Dealers spoke of a healthy correction after recent strong gains.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares closed slightly up at a fresh high since the 1987 crash amid brisk trade in newly floated Woolworths shares. The all-ordinaries index rose 2.4 points, to 1,804.2. *(Reuter)*

	Jul 13 midday	Jul 12 close
AMP Inc	61¼	61¾
AMR Corp	60⅞	61
Abbott Labs	26⅛	25⅞
Aetna Life	56⅜	56⅜
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅛	18⅞
Air Prod & Chem	42⅞	41½
Albertson's	52	52⅞
Alcan Alumnm	19⅛	19⅜
Alco Standard	43⅞	44
Allied Signal	67⅛	66⅝
Alum Co of Am	70⅞	70½
Amax	23⅞	23⅞
Amerada Hess	48⅞	48⅞
Amer Brands	34⅛	34½
Amer Cyanamid	53⅜	52⅞
Amer El Power	38	37⅞
Amer Express	31½	31⅛
Amer Genl Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Amer Home Pr	64⅞	63⅞
Amer Intl	135⅞	134⅛
Amer Stores	44	44⅛
Amer T & T	62⅞	62⅞
Ameritech	77⅞	78
Amoco	54	54⅛
Anheuser-Busch	48⅛	48⅞
Apple Computer	37⅞	36⅞
Archer Daniels	23⅞	24
Arkla	9⅛	9⅛
Armco	7	7⅛
Armstrong Wrld	30⅞	30⅞
Asarco	18	18⅞
Ashland Oil	25⅞	26⅛
Atl Richfield	113⅞	113⅞
Auto Data Pro	48⅛	48⅞
Avery Dennison	29⅞	29⅞
Avon Products	59⅞	58⅞
Baker Hughes	26⅛	26
Baltim Gas & El	25⅞	25⅞
Banc One	57⅞	57⅞
BankAmerica	44⅞	45
Bank of NY	60⅛	59⅞
Bankers Tr NY	76⅞	76⅞
Barnett Banks	49⅞	48⅛
Bausch & Lomb	48⅞	48⅞
Baxter Intl	27⅞	27⅞
Becton Dickson	39⅞	39
Bell Atlantic	57⅞	58⅞
BellSouth	55⅞	55⅞
Black & Decker	21⅞	22⅛
Block (H&R)	35⅞	35⅞
Boeing	37⅞	37⅞
Boise Cascade	22⅞	23⅞
Borden Inc	18⅛	18⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅞	58⅞
Browning Ferris	27⅞	27⅞
Burlington Nthn	51½	51½
CBS	235⅞	235
CNA Financial	91½	91⅛
CPC Intl	42	41½
CSX	68⅞	68⅞
Campbell Soup	39⅞	39⅞
Can Pacific	15⅛	15⅛
Cptl Cities ABC	502⅛	504
Cptl Holdings	41½	40⅞
Carolina Pwr	32⅞	32⅞
Caterpillar	76⅞	76⅞
Central & SW	33	33
Champion Intl	33	32⅞
Chase Manhat	32⅞	33
Chemical Bk	40⅞	40⅞
Chevron Corp	84⅞	85
Chrysler	47⅞	47
Chubb Corp	90⅞	90
Cigna Corp	58⅞	58⅞
Citicorp	31½	31½
Clorox	53⅞	52⅞
Coastal Corp	27⅛	27
Coca Cola	44⅛	44⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	57⅞	58⅞
Columbia Gas	24	24
Commonw Ed	28	28⅞
Compaq Comp	48⅞	48
Comp Ass Int	28⅞	29⅞
Conagra	25⅞	24⅞
Cons Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Cons Nat Gas	50⅞	50⅞
Cons Rail	53⅞	53⅞
Cooper Inds	50⅞	50⅞
Corning Inc	32⅞	32⅞
Crown Cork	35⅞	35⅞
Dana Corp	53⅞	53⅞
Dayton Hudson	67⅞	67⅞
Deere	65	65⅞
Delta Air Lines	47	46⅞
Deluxe Corp	38⅞	38⅞
Detroit Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Digital Equip	40	40⅞
Dillard Dept St	36⅞	37
Disney (Walt)	37⅞	37⅞
Dominion Res	45⅞	45⅞
Donnelley (RR)	28⅞	28
Dover Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Dow Chemicals	57⅞	57⅞
Dow Jones	29⅞	29⅞
Dresser	22⅞	22⅞
Duke Power	41⅞	41⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅞	58⅞
Du Pont	48⅞	47⅞
Eastman Kodak	51⅞	51⅞
Eaton Corp	43⅞	44

	Jul 13 midday	Jul 12 close
Emerson Elec	58¾	58⅞
Engelhard Corp	37½	37⅞
Enron Corp	67	66⅞
Entergy Corp	37⅞	37⅞
Ethyl Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Exxon	64⅞	64⅞
FMC Corp	47⅞	47
FPL Group	38⅞	38⅞
Federal Express	46⅞	45⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	84⅞	82⅞
First Chicago	42⅞	43
First Interstate	65⅞	65
First Union Rlty	10⅛	10⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	34⅞	34⅞
Fluor Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Ford Motor	50⅞	50⅞
GTE Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Gannett	49⅞	50⅞
Gap Inc Del	28⅞	28
Gen Dynamics	89⅞	89⅞
Gen Electric	97⅞	97⅞
Gen Mills	66⅞	65⅞
Gen Motors	47⅞	46⅞
Gen Reinsurance	117⅞	116⅞
Gen Signal	66⅞	66⅞
Genuine Parts	38	35⅞
Georgia Pac	59⅞	60⅞
Gillette	54⅞	55
Glaxo ADR	16⅞	16⅞
Goodrich (BF)	44⅞	44⅞
Goodyear Tire	40⅞	40⅞
Grace (WR)	40⅞	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29⅞	29⅞
Great Wstn Fin	16⅞	16⅞
Halliburton	37⅞	37⅞
Harcourt General	39⅞	38⅞
Heinz (HJ)	36⅞	37
Hercules	78⅞	79⅞
Hershey Foods	46⅞	46⅞
Hewlett Packard	79⅞	79⅞
Hilton Hotels	45⅞	46
Home Depot	44	43⅞
Homestake Mng	19⅞	20⅞
Honeywell	37⅞	37⅞
Household Intl	76⅞	75
Houston Inds	45	44⅞
Humana	12⅞	11⅞
ITT Corp	85⅞	85⅞
Illinois Tool	36⅞	36⅞
INCO	22⅞	22⅞
Ingersoll Rand	32⅞	32⅞
Inland Steel	28⅞	28⅞
Intel Corp	54	56
IBM	47⅞	48⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	114⅞	114⅞
Intl Paper	63	63⅞
James River Va	19⅞	19⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅞	39⅞
K Mart	20⅞	20⅞
Kellogg	52⅞	52⅞
Kerr-McGee	50⅞	50⅞
Kimberly-Clark	47⅞	47⅞
Knight-Ridder	53⅞	52⅞
Lilly (Eli)	47⅞	48⅞
Limited Inc	20⅞	20
LIN Brdcstng	105	104⅞
Lincoln Nat	38⅞	39⅞
Litton	64⅞	64⅞
Liz Claiborne	30⅞	30⅞
Lockheed Corp	65⅞	65⅞
Louisiana Pac	32⅞	32⅞
MCI Commun	28⅞	28⅞
Marriott	27⅞	27⅞
Marsh & McLnn	86	86⅞
Masco Corp	27⅞	26⅞
May Dept St	39⅞	40
Maytag Corp	15⅞	15⅞
McCaw Cellular	48⅞	47⅞
McDonalds	48⅞	48⅞
McDonnell D	71⅞	71⅞
McGraw Hill	59	58⅞
Mead Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Medtronic	65⅞	65⅞
Mellon Bk	56⅞	57⅞
Melville Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Merck Inc	34⅞	34⅞
Merrill Lynch	84⅞	85⅞
Minnesota Mine	107	107
Mobil Corp	71⅞	71⅞
Monsanto	58⅞	58⅞
Morgan (JP)	71⅞	72⅞
Motorola Inc	89	86⅞
Natl Medical	11⅞	11⅞
Natl Semi	16⅞	16⅞
Natl Service Ind	28	28⅞
Navistar Int	27⅞	28⅞
NBD Bancorp	33⅞	33⅞
NY Times A	24⅞	24⅞
Newmont Mng	54⅞	55
Niag Mohawk	24⅞	24⅞
Nike B	55⅞	55⅞
NL Industries	5	4⅞
Nordstrom	27⅞	27⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	63	62⅞
Nthn State Pwr	45⅞	45⅞
Norwest Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Nynex Corp	90⅞	91⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	20⅞
Ohio Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Oracle Systems	30	30⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	20	20⅞
Owens Corning	42⅞	42⅞
PNC Financial	32	32⅞
PPG Industries	67⅞	67⅞
Paccar Inc	59⅞	59⅞
Pacificorp	18⅞	18⅞
Pac Enterprises	24⅞	24⅞
Pac Gas & Elec	34⅞	34⅞
Pac Telesis	49⅞	49⅞
Pall Corp	17⅞	17⅞
Panhandle East	24⅞	24⅞
Paramnt Comm	55⅞	55⅞
Parker Hannifin	30⅞	30⅞
Penney (JC)	44⅞	44
Pennzoil	61⅞	62
Pepsico	35⅞	35⅞
Pfizer	65⅞	64⅞
Phelps Dodge	44⅞	44⅞
Philadel Elec	31	31⅞
Philip Morris	50⅞	49⅞
Phillips Pet	29⅞	29⅞
Pitney Bowes	41⅞	41⅞
Polaroid	36⅞	36⅞
Price Co	33⅞	33⅞
Primerica	53⅞	54
Procter & Gmbl	53⅞	53
Pub Serv E & G	34⅞	34⅞
Quaker Oats	74⅞	74⅞
Ralston Purina	46⅞	46⅞
Raychem Corp	38⅞	39
Raytheon	61	61⅞
Reebok Intl	27⅞	27⅞
Reynolds Metals	48	48⅞
Roadway Srvcs	56⅞	57
Rockwell Intl	31⅞	31⅞
Rohm & Haas	53⅞	53⅞
Royal Dutch	90⅞	90⅞
Rubbermaid	27⅞	28⅞
Safeco Corp	59⅞	58⅞
St Paul's Cos	84⅞	84⅞
Salomon Inc	39⅞	39⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	17⅞	17⅞
Sara Lee Corp	24⅞	24
Scecorp	23⅞	23⅞
Schering Plough	68⅞	67⅞
Schlumberger	63⅞	63⅞
Scott Paper	32⅞	32
Seagram	26⅞	26⅞
Sears Roebuck	57⅞	57⅞
Shell Trans	55⅞	55⅞
Sherwin Wilms	30⅞	31
Skyline Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Snap-On-Tools	38⅞	38⅞
Southern Co	42⅞	42⅞
Sthwestern Bell	39⅞	39⅞
Sprint Corp	34	34
Stanley Works	41	40⅞
Sun Company	24⅞	24⅞
Suntrust	47⅞	47⅞
Supervalu	35⅞	35⅞
Syntex Corp	18⅞	17⅞
Sysco Corp	25⅞	25⅞
TRW Inc	61⅞	62⅞
Tandem Comp	10⅞	10⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Telecom Corp	3⅞	3⅞
Teledyne	22⅞	22
Temple Inland	44⅞	44⅞
Tenneco	52⅞	50⅞
Texaco	62⅞	62⅞
Texas Inst	70⅞	70
Texas Utilities	47⅞	47⅞
Textron	52⅞	53⅞
Time Warner	37⅞	38
Times-Mirror	30⅞	29⅞
Timken	32⅞	32⅞
Torchmark	54⅞	54⅞
Toys R Us	35⅞	35⅞
Transamerica	54⅞	54
Travelers Corp	31	31⅞
Tribune	49⅞	49⅞
Tyco Labs	40⅞	40⅞
UAL Corp	124⅞	122⅞
UST Inc	29⅞	29⅞
USX Marathon	17	16⅞
Unilever NV	99⅞	103⅞
Union Camp	43⅞	43⅞
Union Carbide	18⅞	18⅞
Union Pacific	60⅞	59⅞
Unisys Corp	11⅞	12
USAIR Group	14⅞	13⅞
USF&G Corp	19⅞	19⅞
US Life	41	40⅞
US West	46⅞	46⅞
United Tech	54⅞	54⅞
Unocal Corp	29	29
Upjohn	29	28⅞
VF Corp	46⅞	46⅞
WMX Tech	31⅞	31⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅞	26⅞
Warner-Lambert	70⅞	69⅞
Wells Fargo	112	113⅞
Westinghouse El	16⅞	16⅞
Weyerhaeuser	41⅞	43⅞
Whirlpool	57	57⅞
Whitman	13⅞	13⅞
Winn Dixie	57⅞	57⅞
Woolworth	25⅞	26⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33⅞	31⅞
Xerox	76⅞	75⅞

RECENT ISSUES

AG Holdings (125)	128	-1
Anagen (100)	90	...
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Jobless army waiting to turn the tide of by-election battle

Philip Bassett says that unemployment figures out tomorrow may have a significant effect on the outcome of the Christchurch campaign

Young at heart: a third of Christchurch's population is retired but business leaders say the town still has much to offer

Two important questions for the government will arise in the unemployment figures to be announced tomorrow: has unemployment maintained its downward trend nationally — and has it done so in the South Coast town of Christchurch, before the crucial by-election in a fortnight? Party managers know that unemployment is the most electorally sensitive economic indicator, because it is the figure most understandable to people, and the one that touches them most directly.

On a quiet evening on the quay just below the town's priory, the Dorset town of Christchurch seems a world away from unemployment, the economy and politics. The priory's bells ring, a man and his grandson feed a flotilla of swans and a dinghy drifts lazily by. Across town, a cricket team practices in the nets. Behind the church, white-clad figures concentrate on bowls.

But the reality of the wider world forces itself into this idyll. The fate of John Major, the prime minister, may well be affected by the election result, while Christchurch itself, like many similar towns throughout the south, has suffered in the recession. David Rendel believes unemployment will be a large factor in the Christchurch outcome. Mr Rendel was the Liberal Democrat candidate who wrested Newbury from the Conservatives earlier this year.

He said: "In some ways, Newbury and Christchurch are very similar. Neither constituency ever expected to suffer the major unemployment problems that the Conservatives' second recession has let us in for." He accepts that the number out of work in both towns is not as high as elsewhere in the country, but says: "It's the high increases which have taken place in constituencies like Newbury and Christchurch which have hit hard."

Since unemployment started to rise nationally early in 1990, the number out of work in Christchurch has shot up by three times the national rate of increase – 224 per cent in the constituency, against 82 per cent for the UK. Although unemployment in Christchurch has fallen over the past four months, as it has nationally, the proportion of the constituency's jobless is, at 10.1 per cent, only a few decimal points lower than the national average.

In a constituency with a working population of about 30,000, as many as 1,300 men and almost 700 women are without jobs. Steve Rippon-Swaine, estates manager at Hurn airport, the town's biggest employer, said: "We are at the bottom on unemployment. We have not been immune from the recession, and the local companies have gone through their worst. They have shed labour. But their profitability is now improving, and they're just about to consider re-employment."

Aviation and Christchurch are historically linked. De Havilland built Spitfires here in the war. Aircraft flight recorders, the "black box", were invented and developed here, but the bumpy business of aviation has had its commercial crashes too. In the 1970s, what is now British Aerospace pulled out of Hurn airport with the loss of 3,000 jobs.

Careful management and promotion has built the workforce at the 100 companies on the airport site up to about 2,500 — still about 500 down on its pre-recession level. The toll continues: FLS Aerospace, an aircraft maintainance company, shed almost 130 people. Penny and Giles, the "black box" maker, was sold last year to Bowthorpe, the electrical company, for £30 million — and since then, about a tenth of its workforce has been cut. Local business leaders are fearful of redundancies, or worse at Siemens-Plessey, another of the town's leading employers, because they are worried that its defence base could be hit by the latest defence cuts.

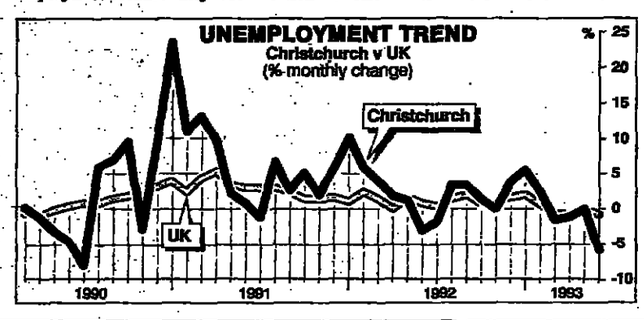
Yet Christchurch is still a rich and pleasant town. Even though local estate agents reckon upmarket housing developments have probably lost up to half their peak £300,000 value, Christchurch does not look or feel like — and indeed, is not — a town ravaged by recession.

Riggana, a marine rigging firm, has won a Queen's Award for industry. The town survived the decamping of J. Sainsbury to an out-of-town site by attracting Marks and Spencer in to the centre. When the downturn in the motor industry saw the departure of Mann Egerton, the motor trader, its building stood empty for only a month until Cook's, a furniture store, took it over. Flight Refuelling International is a world leader in its field. Unlike in other southern towns, the Queensway collapse did not lead to an out-of-town retail store standing idle; MFI moved in.

That is starting to push up employment. Stan Ford, whose family has been baking bread in the area since 1908, is recruiting people. With 32 retail outlets stretching along the South Coast as well as supplying Sainsbury's, he is adding to his 300-strong workforce: only a handful, but it is still new work. He sees no sign of a change in the clamour for jobs, with former company executives trying to get packing work. He said: "We had a man apply who used to be an executive in a print company who applied for a cleaning job. I took him on and he's now acting as my buyer."

Figures compiled by the government's employment service in Christchurch bear out the picture of a "very flat" local labour market. The fall in national unemployment may be partly explained by the pattern in Christchurch, with an increasing number of employers advertising for vacancies, but only for part-time jobs. In April and May, the town's JobCentre had 278 full-time and 185 part-time vacancies; employment department officials expect part-time vacancies to be dominant by the end of the year. The high skill base in Christchurch, led by avionics, means there are notable skills gaps: 28 per cent of the vacancies in the JobCentre are for protection and service occupations — hotels, catering, security guards — while only 8 per cent of those seeking work want those kind of jobs.

Employers, though, report few problems of labour supply as they try to expand businesses. Local business leaders, excited by unofficial reports that television coverage in Newbury was worth an estimated £20 million in publicity to companies there, are seizing the opportunity of the media spotlight on the constituency to try to promote the town. They have formed the Christchurch Initiative, to show people that the town has more to offer than the ageing population and idyllic setting. Andrew Carter, of the initiative, said: "There is more to the town than grannies playing bowls. We're not just heaven's waiting room."



Christchurch companies believe the economy and unemployment will be a factor in the by-election, even in a town where a third of the population is retired. Rollo Reed, technical director of John Reed & Sons, a manufacturer of steel structures employing about 300 people, said that while his company's business is good, "most people are pretty jarred off about the economy, whether they are directly affected or not."

While unable to gauge precisely the impact of factors on unpredictable events like by-elections, David Sanders, head of the government department at the University of Essex, says unemployment has come back as a political determinant, and that recent falls in the number out of work have not changed that much: "The fact that the recent changes in unemployment have been in the right direction doesn't seem to have helped the government at all."

Most City analysts predict flat jobless statistics, and ministers will be hoping that feelings of surprise, anger and resentment over the sharp rise in unemployment in many places in the South will not filter through to the ballot box. In a fortnight, Christchurch will show just how idyllic it finds the figures.

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Liquid capital

THE gyrations in the shares of water companies after publication of the latest report from Ofwat, demonstrates how jittery the stock market has become about regulatory pressures. This is hardly surprising, given the astronomic and rising cost of bringing the British water industry into line with utopian standards, but it is hardly reassuring for investors who face another year of uncertainty before Ofwat publishes the new price formulae.

In *Paying for Quality*, Ofwat has lobbed the question of water quality into the Department of the Environment's court. The water industry can afford to increase its annual capital spending by 74 per cent to more than £6 billion a year between 1995 and 2000, to meet existing and proposed European legislation, but only at a substantial cost to their customers and shareholders. The government is now landed with a deeply political decision. Either it sanctions a sharp increase in water bills and a squeeze on water company dividends by backing EC legislation, or it risks a Brussels bunfight by trying to win a British exemption from some of the new standards.

Only when it receives a reply to its unpalatable question can Ofwat make its all-important assumption on the water companies' cost of capital. The regulator still looks certain to insist on a figure of less than 7 per cent, against the industry's wishes. Then the scope for dividend growth will increasingly depend on the water companies' unregulated businesses. The share price gap between successful diversifiers, such as Wessex and the rest, will grow ever wider.

Cray

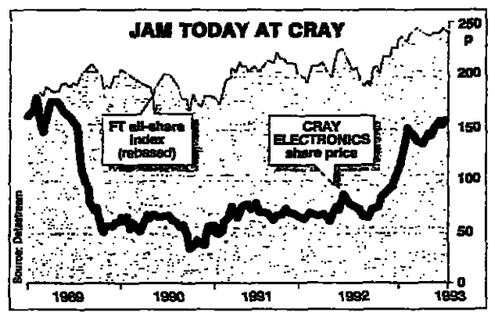
AT first sight, the £27 million bonus shared by executive directors of Cray Electronics for a scant four years' work looks like another example of corporate Britain with its snout in the trough. The size of the payout is reminiscent of the executive reward schemes of the 1980s, in which company chiefs became rich overnight at shareholders' expense.

Proper judgment of the package cannot, however, ignore the tremendous achievements of the Cray team, which rescued a directionless and deeply indebted electronics group from almost certain receivership. In the intervening years,, it sold and closed more than half of Cray's businesses and made two well-judged acquisitions.

Today, Cray is a leader in data communication and networking, one of the computer industry's fastest-growing markets. The balance sheet has also been transformed and the group now has £12 million in net cash.

Roger Holland, the new chairman, and his colleagues still have much to do. The 4 per cent trading margins from the rump of the non-core defence and electronics businesses are unacceptable and they should be sold. The group needs to concentrate on building its communications division into a global business.

If investors still feel sour about the Cray bonanza, they should remind themselves of the grim options they faced in 1989. Back then, they were all too ready to agree the terms.



Surveyors

IN FINANCIAL terms, surveyors and estate agents run simple businesses. Lumpy fixed-costs give them a high level of operational gearing, so any boost to fee income should fall directly into profits. After the excesses of the 1980s, the quoted surveyors have taken a knife to their overheads and theoretically are now poised for growth, as the property market recovers.

Actual evidence of profits improvement in this season's results remains mixed, despite yesterday's turnround at Savills. Many firms still rely on professional fees rather than transaction income to pay bills. The recent boom in investment work for foreign buyers and domestic funds is welcome, but solid growth in fee income for most surveyors depends on the tenant market, which is still mostly dormant. Property advice is a sector that suffers from overcapacity and low entry costs, so the surveyors' market share is being eroded by competition from management consultants and accountants. With rental growth unlikely to reappear for at least a year, the industry needs to reduce its capacity further and that will mean more pain for the less successful firms.

Birse

PETER Birse, chairman of Birse Group, is probably right when he says the company should return to profit this year. But the revival has more to do with accounting than with an improvement in trading.

Masked within its operating loss, Birse has effectively made provisions against its contracting business equivalent to 3 per cent of turnover. This should enable the group to report a contracting profit in the current year, despite the dire market conditions.

No deft accounting can hide the worrying state of shareholders' funds, which have been whittled down by trading losses from £45 million in 1990 to £13 million. This offers little support for a company that generates more than £300 million of turnover a year. Contracting is a notoriously accident-prone business, and one troublesome contract could obliterate shareholders' funds. With so many uncertainties, the shares are best avoided.

Output

THE gilt-edged market understandably treated yesterday's manufacturing output figures with scepticism. If the statistics are accurate, then Britain is poised on the verge of an economic miracle that would put even South Korea in the shade.

Even if the timing of the Whit bank holiday did mess up the official calculations, the production figures do confirm that the economic recovery is still intact and even gathering speed, which should silence Jonahs in the City for a spell. Some economists are still setting too much store by the sluggish consumer spending figures, without applauding the benefits that an export-led recovery will bring to inflation and the balance of trade. Kenneth Clarke must ensure that the country can maintain its economic momentum, and that inevitably means another rate cut this autumn to prevent sterling appreciating further.

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Playing the pay game

PRESSURE has been mounting to curb huge pay, pay-off and pension deals awarded to British businessmen in recent months. But no one, it seems, has taken the criticism quite so seriously as Christopher Sporborg, chairman of Hambro Insurance Services Group. A quick perusal of the 1993 annual report and accounts of Hambros Bank's new loss adjusting and insurance broking subsidiary reveals that "the chairman received no emoluments". Even managing director Nicholas Page, the highest-paid, received a salary of just £47,000. But there is more to this apparent financial altruism than meets the eye. Yesterday Page told me: "These statutory papers don't tell the whole story." Hambros Insurance Services, formed last autumn and listed in March, did not start paying its chairman until April 1. Page, who assures me that Sporborg will receive £30,000 this year, will himself benefit from a top-up to £150,000.

Prickly pair

SO farewell then, Ramada socialism. The yuppie wing of the Labour party, dubbed Ramada socialists after a glittering eighties conference based in Brighton's former Ramada Renaissance hotel, will find that the hotel's next name will be more appropriate for the dour, prickly party of the nineties. After a short interregnum as the Hospitality Inn, Brighton's newest seafront hotel — as opposed to the stodgy old Tory Grand — is to be dubbed the Brighton Thistle. Robert Peel, still in charge of Mount Charlotte Thistle Hotels despite its ownership by Brierley Investments and the Singapore government, announced the expansion of the Thistle chain yesterday, and the Brighton flagship is on the list for conversion, though perhaps not in time for the meeting of the brothers in Brighton in October. Peel — as smooth a Scot as John Smith himself — still nurses a low opinion of the City; the problems at Queens Moat, he complains, should have been spotted long ago by all these expert analysts. With whom he will have to cultivate a new relationship should Mount Charlotte, as he wishes, come back to market in a couple of years — possibly renamed the Thistle Group. The shadow cabinet would approve...

Jumbo invasion

FORTRESS City will today be invaded by 16 "jumbulances" to raise money for the Across Trust, the charity which takes the handicapped and chronically ill on accompanied holidays throughout Europe in its fleet of £250,000 ambulance-cum-coaches. Only two weeks ago Colin Line, the Henderson Crosthwaite electronics salesman who doubles as the charity's principal City fund-raiser, returned from a coach holiday with 30 disabled to Bruck in Austria. His efforts with the International Equity Dealers Association to cajole City folk into contributing to the acquisition of Jumbulance Mark 16 will pay off today when thousands will pass the new holidaymobile outside UBS headquarters in Broadgate. Other Jumbulances looking to raise cash during the charity's annual City of London Flag Day, will be parked on Queen Victoria St, Noble St, St Andrews St, by Holborn Circus, Liverpool St and Monument St. Last year Across Trust raised £15,000, a sum they are hoping to top this year.

KNIGHTHOODS and other honours bestowed upon esteemed holders of credit and charge cards appear to be nothing but trouble for the purveyors of plastic. A newly-titled customer recently asked American Express to emboss the honour on a new card. Amex explained that there was not enough room on the card to fit his long surname, first name and title. Nor could the man's first name be shortened. But after contemplating the dilemma for some time, Amex had a one-off card printed with slightly smaller letters so he can pay proudly. That will do nicely.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Unemployment and the consumer

From Dr W. M. Philip

Sir, I am an old-fashioned economist, ex-London School of Economics. My insistence on the inter-relatedness of all the social sciences underpinned by an ethic, gives me a mature outlook on "economics". It might seem impudent of me to offer an entirely other view of unemployment had I not found in a long Cassandra-like life that my theses come to pass 20 years or so from their exposition.

Unemployment is nothing to do with Keynes, finances, interest rates, savings etc, or little in comparison with two long-term factors:

A: The whole industrial and technological revolutions were put *en train* in order to reduce labour, eg coal miners with silicosis and child chimney sweeps with blistered knees etc.

B: The Western economies are saturated with deep pile carpets, coloured bathroom suites, fitted kitchens and all the electronic delicacies man can devise. There is little left to do: ask the women of the house, with disposable nappies and convenience foods, for an example which could be multiplied.

The answer lies in two parts:

A: A strict apportionment of the work left to be done leading, of course, to apportionment of labour costs in terms of diminished wages per labourer.

B: Either a recognition that the consumer is saturated (apart from the Third World which induces another factor but does not eliminate [A]), or proceed with a throw-away society and a mad development of unneeded and unwanteds which, incidentally, like fruit machines and drugs are dragging all of us down.

Yours truly,
W. M. PHILIP,
Drochaid-Geal,
Kilberry by Tarbert,
(Loch Fyne), Argyll.

Lesson from thirties

From Mr Peter Robeson

Sir, Harry Woolf (Business Letters, July 7) is right: an earlier generation learnt the lesson from the experience of the thirties: to quote a League of Nations 1944 publication: "The period under review demonstrates amply the futility of seeking competitive export advantages through exchange depreciation. In the great depression there were few, if any, countries that were able to gain any substantial or lasting relief from depression at home by means of 'exchange dumping'." Do we have to learn it all over again?

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROBESON,
Thatchers, Happisburgh,
Norwich, Norfolk.

Help the little people

From Mrs J. M. Seed

Sir, No, Mrs Annabel Geddes (Business Letters, July 6) is not barmy. As a widowed pensioner, I depend on investment income to augment my modest pension and pay my way.

With interest rates falling, and decline in share value, my income is decreasing dramatically. The suggestion that directors' fees should be in ratio to profit level and annually adjusted is excellent. However, I fear that calls for a mere equitable situation from us "little people", will continue to go unheeded.

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UK Growth	146.10	155.50	-0.30	2.22
UK Income	124.00	132.00	+0.10	4.21
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.92	92.97	-0.10	0.99
Growth	43.48	46.26†	-0.01	2.90
Income	53.59	57.32†	+0.03	4.19
Far East	48.91	52.31	+0.17	...

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
North American	88.90	95.56	-0.06	...
Global	86.77	92.80	+0.24	0.85
European	71.84	76.84	+0.30	1.00
Japan	113.90	121.20	+1.05	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.91	63.49	-0.25	5.05
UK Cap Gwth	79.23	85.59	-0.50	1.90
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	131.40	139.80	-0.80	0.30
-do- Acc	139.70	148.70	-0.70	0.30
European	67.00	70.97	+0.02	0.83
-do- Acc	69.45	73.56	+0.02	0.83
Far East Gen	66.84	71.11	+0.89	...
-do- Acc	66.84	71.11	+0.89	...
Glenfriars	257.90	274.40	-0.80	0.69
-do- Acc	290.30	308.90	-0.90	0.69
Growth	381.30	407.90	-0.70	2.25
-do- Acc	652.70	698.10	-1.30	2.25
Income Growth	376.00	400.00	-2.30	3.77
-do- Acc	499.90	531.90	-3.00	3.77
Master Portfolio	9662.0	10028.0†	-30.00	2.18
-do- Acc	11256.0	11681.0	-51.00	2.18
Special Sits	86.09	91.59†	-0.88	2.20
-do- Acc	101.77	108.27	-1.23	2.20
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1202.0	1240.0	..	4.34
-do- Acc	1419.0	1463.0	...	4.34
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	194.50	207.20	-1.30	1.59
Capital	530.40	566.10	+0.20	2.40
Eurotrack 100	132.60	141.20	-0.10	1.46
Euro Gth	82.53	88.00	+0.05	1.28
Far East Growth	94.26	100.60	+0.71	0.07
Global Bond	23.70	24.98†	-0.10	6.60
Hong Kong	82.35	87.89	-0.81	0.78
Income	503.20	537.00	+0.40	3.93
Intl Growth	74.88	79.91†	+0.14	0.97
Japan Growth	280.70	299.00	+7.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.60	37.99	+0.54	...
Japan Index	82.19	87.72	+0.98	0.22
Nth American	440.70	470.30	-3.30	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	53.86	57.48	-0.35	...
The Footsie Fd	105.10	111.00†	...	2.76
Tiger Index	144.40	154.10	-0.80	0.60
Trixie Index	106.10	113.20	-0.10	2.34
UK Index	121.30	129.50†	...	3.09
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.98	91.86†	..	1.00
European P folio	73.24	78.04	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	66.79	70.93	+1.49	...
Pacific P folio	104.53	112.40†	+0.15	1.07
Cazenove P folio	71.28	76.24†	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	64.16	68.84	...	5.00
Utility & Bond	51.07	51.79	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	610.20	615.15	...	4.84
Fixed Int	156.95	157.70	...	9.19
Deposit	5.70	.	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	601.99	607.12	...	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	..
Fxd Int Inc	127.44	127.45	...	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.90	66.21	...	2.29
Beckman Intl	83.40	88.03	...	3.01
Friars Hse Inc	176.02	189.27	...	6.16
Friars Hse Cap	246.48	265.09†	..	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.71	39.05	-0.20	1.62
-do- Acc	41.36	44.00	-0.22	1.62
Quilter	121.57	129.33	-0.25	...
-do- Acc	135.02	143.64	-0.27	2.64
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.58	92.58	+0.01	5.15
-do- Acc	92.58	92.58	+0.01	5.15
Fixed Conv	41.39	44.03	-0.01	6.30
-do- Acc	109.32	116.30	-0.02	6.30
Equity Income	143.50	152.66	-0.17	3.66
-do- Acc	460.63	490.03	-0.53	3.66
PPT Europe	152.51	162.24	+0.96	0.91
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	48.01	51.07	+0.02	7.48
PPT Global Bond	86.33	91.71	-0.24	5.33
PPT Gold Com	64.90	69.04	+0.08	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.05	59.63	-0.54	0.38
PPT Far East Gth	107.72	114.60	+0.05	0.07
PPT High Yield	116.02	123.43	+0.02	4.39
-do- Acc	446.34	474.83	+0.04	4.39
PPT Managed	61.61	65.54	+0.06	3.41
-do- Acc	75.25	80.05	+0.07	3.41
PPT UK General	67.37	71.67	-0.10	2.58
-do- Acc	81.77	86.99	-0.11	2.58
PPT Japan	120.95	128.67	+2.39	...
PPT N Amer	148.23	157.69	-1.37	0.08
PPT UK Gth	115.42	122.79	-0.16	2.03
PPT W'wide Gwth	57.82	61.84	-0.16	0.19
-do- Acc	60.23	64.42	-0.16	0.19
PPT Preference	48.15	51.22	+0.03	6.71
-do- Acc	251.39	267.44	+0.15	6.71
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.13	88.44	-0.27	0.90
Japanese Acc	64.79	68.93	+1.62	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.30	133.30†	-0.30	2.52
-do- Acc	147.90	157.30†	-0.40	2.52
UK Growth Acc	205.00	218.10	-0.70	2.21
UK High Inc	132.50	141.00	-0.20	6.48
-do- Acc	160.50	170.70	-0.20	6.48
N America Acc	114.90	122.20†	-0.20	0.32
European Acc	159.30	169.50	+1.50	0.41
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.52	64.21†	+0.09	8.80
-do- Acc	99.62	105.70†	+0.20	8.80
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.22	52.36	+0.28	.22
Environmntl Opp	71.08	75.62	-0.08	1.73
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.80	120.90	-0.80	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	203.50	216.20	-0.50	1.16
Eurofund	37.67	39.87	-0.13	1.00
Mngd Exempt	166.00	173.00	+2.40	3.03
Growth Inc	213.60	227.00	-0.30	3.30
High Dist	141.90	150.80	+0.10	4.97
International	322.90	343.10†	-0.20	0.95
Intl Income	80.79	86.24†	-0.29	3.01
Pacific	58.91	62.59	-0.48	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	74.85	79.53	+1.00	...
Tokyo	209.70	222.80	+3.30	...
Japan Exempt	116.80	120.00	-0.30	0.42

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sm Jap Exempt	585.30	601.30	+3.00	0.08
Equity Income	120.40	127.90†	-0.20	3.91
Formerly Target				
Australia	6.747	7.169	-0.065	1.08
Euro Spec Sits	140.80	149.00	-0.50	0.54
Financial	41.95	44.61	-0.08	2.66
Global Opps Inc	89.67	95.27	-0.29	2.10
-do- Acc	92.94	98.75	-0.31	2.10
Gold Gen Inc	54.22	57.61	+0.21	0.74
-do- Acc	104.10	110.60	+0.40	0.74
Japan General	162.80	173.00	+2.50	...
Preference	21.90	23.27†	+0.01	7.82
UK Capital	104.10	110.60	+0.10	3.05
Worldwide Cap	197.80	210.20†	+0.10	3.08
World Income	84.88	90.18†	-0.45	1.28
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance	175.40	186.50	...	0.91
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	104.52	110.02	+0.19	3.20
High Income	121.14	127.52	+0.23	4.66
Tst of Inv Tsts	150.57	158.49	+0.05	2.02
Special Sits	85.88	90.40	+0.16	2.36
North American	104.49	109.99	-0.75	0.85
Far Eastern	246.48	259.45†	-1.36	1.70
Intl Growth	98.57	103.76	-0.76	1.20
European	64.07	67.44†	-0.16	2.06
Smaller Cos	68.81	72.43†	-0.19	2.03
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	222.70	236.90	...	3.76
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	124.60	132.90	+0.50	...
High Income	25.95	27.31†	+0.01	5.40
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	94.46	99.92†	+0.26	0.74
Far Eastern	138.40	148.00	+1.00	...
Overs Income	89.52	95.91	-0.34	2.25
UK Growth	93.21	99.69†	-0.51	0.97
UK Income	100.70	107.70	-0.30	3.22
US Smaller Cos	257.10	275.00	-1.10	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4800				
Amer Gth	48.78	51.91	-0.35	...
-do- Acc	48.78	51.91	-0.35	...
Am Smllr Co	436.60	469.00	-2.70	...
-do- Acc	448.10	479.20	-2.60	..
Capital	289.80	308.20	-0.70	1.99
-do- Acc	403.80	429.30	-0.80	1.99
Contl Smllr Cos	46.63	50.17†	+0.07	0.48
-do- Acc	48.75	52.44†	-0.06	0.48
Convertible	115.20	122.50	+0.10	5.79
-do- Acc	216.70	232.60	+0.20	5.79
Emg Mark	54.26	57.96	-0.06	..
-do- Acc	54.26	57.96	-0.06	...
European	95.19	101.50†	+0.50	0.92
-do- Acc	99.24	105.90†	+0.60	0.92
Extra Income	297.30	316.20	+0.20	4.01
-do- Acc	416.30	442.80	+0.30	4.01
Financial	108.70	116.40	+0.50	0.52
-do- Acc	113.70	121.90	+0.60	0.52
Gilt Gth Tst	63.36	65.34	+0.01	6.56
-do- Acc	81.87	84.42	...	6.56
Health Fund Inc	122.00	130.30	...	...
-do- Acc	122.00	130.30	...	...
Income Tst	179.50	190.90†	-0.10	3.81
-do- Acc	254.30	270.50†	-0.30	3.81
Intl Growth	323.20	345.30	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	358.90	383.50	-0.30	...
Japan Gen	183.50	196.30	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	185.40	198.20	+2.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.46	96.27	-0.03	0.86
-do- Acc	96.15	101.20	...	0.86
Monthly Income	154.30	164.10	...	3.88
Qrtly Inc	50.08	53.27	+0.28	5.74
-do- Acc	50.21	53.40	+0.28	5.74
Recovery	300.70	321.50	+1.20	0.52
-do- Acc	352.20	376.60	+1.40	0.52
UK Growth	46.47	49.67	-0.08	2.62
-do- Acc	46.47	49.67	-0.08	2.62
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	344.59	366.58	-0.54	2.65
-do- Acc	703.65	748.56	-1.09	2.65
Euro Gth Dist	108.78	115.72	-0.31	0.84
-do- Acc	112.02	119.17	+0.31	0.84
Fixed Int Dist	133.07	140.76†	+0.36	6.20
-do- Acc	225.03	238.03†	+0.60	6.20
Intl Gth Dist	78.72	83.74†	-0.42	0.71
-do- Acc	81.70	86.92†	+0.43	0.71
Nth Amer Dist	171.37	181.54†	-0.16	0.87
-do- Acc	186.61	197.68†	-0.18	0.87
Pac Basin Dist	252.36	268.47†	-2.19	0.10
-do- Acc	257.00	273.40†	+2.23	0.10
Stewardship Dist	301.72	320.98	-0.50	1.73
-do- Acc	359.77	382.73	-0.60	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	64.46	68.57	-0.14	3.11
-do- Acc	79.75	84.84	-0.16	3.11
N Am Stwd Dist	99.88	106.26†	+0.28	...
-do- Acc	105.66	112.40†	+0.29	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlmg: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.10	149.90	-0.90	...
European	413.50	438.90	-0.50	0.97
Far East General	228.40	244.00	-0.50	0.30
Germany	100.40	106.40	-0.60	0.43
Global Assets In	69.92	74.66	-0.15	2.11
Global Assets Ac	73.93	78.95	-0.15	2.11
Income Inc	125.00	133.70	-0.10	6.58
International	281.20	300.60	-0.30	0.93
Intl Income	77.76	82.68†	-0.33	4.82
Japan General	380.80	405.20	+1.90	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.69	48.87†	-0.14	6.06
UK Capital Inc	168.20	179.90	+0.10	4.00
-do- Acc	287.70	307.70	+0.10	3.64
UK Spec Sits	77.80	83.21	-0.18	1.52
US General	120.30	128.10	-0.80	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	118.50	126.60†	+0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264422. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.13	47.20	-0.16	1.44
Cash Trust*	129.38	129.38†	+0.01	5.21
Fincl Inv Inc	104.66	112.34	-0.22	4.09
-do- Acc	224.67	240.95	-0.49	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	105.71	113.36	+1.16	0.81
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.51	27.28	+0.02	8.50
High Inc	32.27	34.51	+0.03	4.75
UK Equity Inc	128.34	137.26	-0.75	3.96
Global Bond	30.12	31.21†	-0.10	5.74
International Funds				
Gold Intl	94.02	100.63†	-0.19	0.66
Frontier Markets	43.79	46.96	-0.93	0.45
Global Inc Gth	120.30	128.35	-0.65	1.92
UK Intl	116.45	124.59†	-0.15	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	130.34	139.15†	-1.09	0.45

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	82.96	88.01	+0.30	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	98.58	105.17†	+0.47	0.69
American Emerg	82.98	88.69	+0.10	...
Hong Kong	111.95	120.06	-1.68	2.07
Japan	234.83	249.51†	+3.37	...
Pacific Growth	158.82	170.32†	-1.27	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	129.01	137.98	+0.49	0.37
American Gth	131.20	140.32	+1.18	...
European Gth	67.44	71.83	-0.22	0.42
Japan Gth	81.26	86.91	+1.99	...
Greater China	143.85	153.86†	+0.46	2.65
Pacific Strategy	127.14	135.97	-0.27	0.25
UK Prog Inc	74.36	78.26†	+0.17	4.61
British Growth	47.77	50.49	+0.08	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.77	47.88	-0.04	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	131.60	131.60	...	4.86
Gilt Fixed	124.00	131.60	...	5.89
Growth Equity	286.60	306.10	...	2.06
Guardhill	426.70	455.80	...	2.16
Income Trust	109.60	117.00†	...	2.80
International	158.90	169.70	...	0.17
Japan Trust	125.80	134.30	...	...
Nth American	258.80	276.40	...	0.40
Pacific	377.40	403.10	...	...
European	342.50	365.90†	...	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.20	37.32	-0.10	1.66
-do- Acc	36.84	39.06	-0.10	1.66
Inc Adv Inc	23.34	31.11†	...	4.13
-do- Acc	30.79	32.64	-0.10	4.13
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	82.53	88.41	+0.70	1.17
Equity Income	111.90	119.00	-0.10	3.47
European	134.60	142.50	-0.70	1.19
Intl Situation	76.36	81.45†	-0.43	...
Japanese	144.80	153.60	+3.00	...
North American	100.10	106.20	+0.70	...
Scandinavian	115.80	122.40	+1.60	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.26	32.19†	-0.04	2.05
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2257, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4EF Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234722				
Amer Smaller	89.62	95.80	-0.48	...
Asian Enterprise	128.36	137.25†	-0.48	0.75
Australian	145.23	155.25	-1.28	1.17
European	374.38	396.73	-1.08	1.29
European Inc	71.93	76.04	+0.17	2.69
Euro Smll Co	118.53	126.00	+0.62	0.61
Extra Income	260.64	277.46†	+0.07	4.80
Family of Funds	70.93	75.74†	-0.10	1.01
Global Bond	56.15	60.05†	-0.01	7.61
Global Resour	113.02	120.80	-0.32	0.67
High Inc	291.73	311.85	-0.44	4.28
Income Gth	235.65	250.96†	-0.67	3.60
-do- Acc	609.55	649.17†	-1.73	3.63
International	231.77	247.31	+0.12	0.88
Japan Spc Sit	247.95	263.80	+3.12	..
Japan	214.06	227.57†	+3.36	...
N Amer	223.98	238.53†	-1.70	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	194.79	207.22	-0.05	0.25
Pref Gilt	46.81	50.31	+0.15	8.40
Smaller Cos Div	171.73	183.66	-0.25	3.87
Special Sits	260.69	278.93	-2.86	1.73
-do- Acc	401.69	429.80	-4.40	1.73
Best of British	54.87	58.73	-0.06	2.60
Spirit of the Env	61.70	66.00	-0.22	0.56
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	80.04	85.60	-0.92	...
Euro Spec Sits	46.14	49.05	+0.14†	1.47
-do- Acc	48.85	51.94	+0.15	1.47
Far East Opps	32.71	34.99†	-0.04	0.26
-do- Acc	33.76	36.12	-0.03	0.26
General Growth	96.69	103.51	-0.16	2.82
Global Tech	125.88	134.69†	+0.22	...
Income Growth	101.20	108.22	-0.07	3.96
Income Monthly	57.38	61.36	+0.04	5.73
Japan Growth	84.46	89.80†	+1.29	...
Overseas Gth	77.80	82.62†	-0.07	1.19
Smaller Cos	74.48	79.69	-0.22	1.72
Special Opps	106.38	114.39	-0.37	1.35
Wld Spec Sits	49.96	53.58	-0.07	0.50
-do- Acc	50.08	53.71	-0.07	0.50
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.40	91.40	-0.38	2.29
Capital	153.90	164.50	-0.40	1.91
Dollar	312.50	334.20	-0.90	0.01
European	197.70	211.40†	+0.30	0.63
Far East	242.20	259.00	-2.00	0.26
Financial	716.00	766.70	+0.90	1.92
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.46	27.49	+0.02	7.56
High Yield	100.70	107.70†	...	4.54
Income	133.30	142.50	...	3.45
Intl	216.30	231.30†	-1.30	0.51
Japan Tech	73.66	78.78	+1.15	...
Nat Resources	63.93	68.37	-0.19	0.44
Security	291.30	311.50	-1.10	2.00
Smaller Cos	112.00	119.70	-0.60	1.24
Special Sits	137.30	146.80	-0.50	1.61
US Smaller Cos	70.56	75.48†	-0.47	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.38	27.13	-0.03	1.53
Special Features	27.25	28.95	-0.08	1.61
-do- Acc	32.17	34.18	-0.10	1.61
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.13	55.85	-0.10	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.67	74.02	-0.28	5.92
do Acc	81.87	86.98	-0.33	1.92
Managed Invest	87.95	93.98	+0.12	1.17
Superb Children	73.94	78.87	-0.25	1.91
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.82	50.82	...	4.38
Extra Inc	80.87	86.52	-0.03	4.70
GIR	27.93	29.40†	+0.04	6.71
Income Gth	38.47	41.09	-0.06	3.43
MIMStar	77.70	79.39	+0.12	7.73
Preference	17.67	18.77†	+0.01	6.38
UK Income	306.20	327.40	+0.10	2.93
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	58.57	62.22†	...	1.21
Property Shares	63.48	68.52	-0.01	1.72
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	144.30	151.50	...	3.69
European Acc	115.00	121.80	+0.60	1.72
European Dist	109.50	116.00	+0.60	1.72
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.23	52.39	-0.32	0.80
European Perf	116.20	123.20	-0.90	0.98
-do- Acc	118.30	125.50	+0.90	0.98
Euro Small Cos	21.32	22.68	+0.10	0.73
French Growth	66.55	70.78	+0.39	0.52
-do- Acc	71.09	75.61	+0.41	0.52
Hong K/China	71.09	75.46	-0.73	1.65
Intl Growth	52.45	55.72	+0.06	0.63
-do- Acc	52.45	55.72	+0.05	0.63
Japan Perf	35.02	37.18†	+0.53	...
Accum Units	35.02	37.16†	+0.53	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.04	41.48	+0.39	...
Singapore Asean	81.13	86.20†	-0.23	0.28
-do- Acc	81.64	86.74†	-0.22	0.28
South East Asia	233.30	247.80	-1.80	0.96

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
US Smllr Cos	103.30	109.70†	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	104.40	110.90†	-1.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	85.08	90.72†	+0.35	2.15
Intl Bond	59.24	60.02	-0.03	6.06
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.76	70.10†	+0.01	5.19
Extra Income	51.57	54.86†	+0.15	7.04
Gilt Yield	116.90	126.60†	+0.20	7.14
Global Income	201.70	214.00	+2.05	4.08
High Yield	132.40	140.90†	-1.25	5.92
Smllr Cos Div	48.65	51.78	-0.13	4.06
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlly Cos	91.27	97.10	-0.80	...
North American	76.87	81.78†	-0.50	0.41
European	129.70	138.00†	-0.30	1.62
Euro Special	73.92	78.64†	-0.06	1.81
General	259.70	276.30	-0.10	3.29
Japan	439.60	467.70	+5.80	...
Japanese Special	243.80	259.40	-0.50	...
Master Acc	217.10	231.00	-0.30	1.34
Pacific	271.50	288.80	-1.20	0.56
Smaller Cos	98.41	104.70†	-0.15	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.70	39.04	+0.02	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	74.25	78.99†	+0.37	1.03
Extra Income	23.50	25.00†	-0.01	3.49
Far East	28.00	29.79	+0.31	0.89
Income Gwth	71.38	75.94	-0.05	2.82
Intl Growth	52.53	55.88	+0.44	0.66
Japan	67.70	72.02	+1.51	...
Maximum Dist*	100.50	102.50	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.97	41.46†	-0.01	0.28
UK Equity	85.29	90.73	-0.12	2.98
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.42	54.70†	-0.22	4.57
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Equity Dist	419.10	445.90	-0.90	2.77
Equity Acc	795.60	846.40	-1.70	2.77
Equity Income	90.61	96.39†	+0.03	4.83
European	96.27	102.40	+0.30	1.27
Far Eastern	187.00	198.50	+1.00	...
Fixed Interest	52.52	55.87†	+0.05	6.25
Gilt	92.31	97.89	+0.20	6.28
Global Growth	67.81	72.14†	+0.27	0.44
Intl Bond	57.09	60.73	-0.14	4.68
Japanese	73.15	77.82	+1.26	...
Overseas Equity	97.85	104.20†	+0.50	0.05
Pacific Gth	87.34	92.91	-0.02	0.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	304.30	323.80	-4.20	2.95
-do- Acc	668.30	711.00	-10.50	2.95
Contl Euro Gth	51.11	53.80	+0.32	1.35
-do- Acc	54.05	56.90	+0.35	1.35
Extra Inc	235.00	250.00	-3.70	3.94
-do- Acc	580.90	618.00	-9.30	3.94
German Gth	102.60	108.00	+1.10	0.19
-do- Acc	107.60	113.30	+1.30	0.19
Growth Port	486.20	517.30	-0.10	0.26
-do- Acc	486.20	517.30	-0.10	0.26
Income	447.10	475.70	-0.30	3.63
-do- Acc	1147.0	1221.0	...	3.63
Income Port	489.60	520.90	...	4.12
-do- Acc	494.30	525.90	-0.10	4.12
Japan Growth	101.40	107.90	+3.30	0.01
-do- Acc	101.80	108.30	+3.40	0.01
Master Trust	51.53	54.82	+0.01	1.38
-do- Acc	56.73	60.36	+0.02	1.38
N American Gen	187.80	199.80	+0.80	0.01
-do- Acc	216.90	230.80	+1.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	144.30	153.60	+3.40	0.01
-do- Acc	147.20	156.70	+3.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	202.60	215.60	-1.30	0.69
-do- Acc	214.10	227.80	-1.40	0.69
Small Cos Rec	303.40	319.40	-0.20	2.37
-do- Acc	395.10	415.90	-0.40	2.37
UK Growth	75.98	80.83†	-1.44	2.43
-do- Acc	89.52	95.24	-1.69	2.43
Worldwide Gth	281.10	299.10†	+1.60	0.29
-do- Acc	414.50	441.00†	+2.30	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282873				
General	76.58	82.17	-0.13	2.80
Income	61.10	65.56	+0.01	5.30
International	57.30	61.48†	+0.27	0.70
American	59.64	63.99	-0.05	0.30
Japan	55.85	59.92	+1.20	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.32	61.50	-0.14	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	390.80	413.30	+0.50	0.97
-do- Acc	482.20	510.00	+0.60	0.80
American Rec	424.80	449.20	+1.50	0.22
-do- Acc	486.80	514.70	+1.70	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	124.90	132.00	-0.50	...
Australia Acc	167.70	177.40	-0.60	1.06
Capital	670.40	709.00	-1.10	2.47
-do- Acc	739.70	782.30	-1.20	2.47
Commodity Acc	451.30	477.20	+0.80	0.75
Compnd Gth	819.70	866.80	-1.90	2.20
Dividend	35.20	37.20	...	4.18
-do- Acc	139.40	147.50	-0.10	4.18
Equity Inc	302.20	319.60	...	4.71
European Div	60.20	63.70	+0.20	4.17
-do- Acc	68.00	72.00	+0.20	4.17
European Gen	387.40	409.70†	+3.20	1.11
-do- Acc	486.60	514.70	+4.30	1.11
Extra Yield	380.60	402.50	+0.90	4.31
-do- Acc	1112.8	1176.8	+2.40	4.31
Far Eastern	303.00	320.40	+1.70	0.75
-do- Acc	398.60	421.40	+2.10	0.75
Fund of Inv	512.60	542.10	-0.80	2.14
-do- Acc	935.00	988.80	-1.50	2.14
General	53.30	56.40†	...	3.60
-do- Acc	142.50	150.80	...	3.60
Gilt Fxd Int	63.23	63.31	+0.22	7.62
Go Acc	159.94	159.16	+0.57	7.62
Gold	63.50	67.20†	+0.10	0.62
-do- Acc	74.70	79.00	+0.10	0.62
High Inc	25.10	26.50†	...	4.44
-do- Acc	94.90	100.60	+0.10	4.44
Intl Growth	69.40	73.40	+0.30	0.84
-do- Acc	119.60	126.50	+0.90	0.84
Intl Inc	95.30	100.80	-0.10	4.51
Japan Gen Acc	52.00	55.10	+1.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	153.20	161.90	+2.90	...
Midland	55.20	58.40	-0.10	3.24
-do- Acc	176.70	187.20	-0.10	3.24
Recovery	36.30	38.40†	+0.10	2.63
-do- Acc	57.70	61.10	-0.20	2.63
Second Gen	62.20	65.80†	+0.10	3.36
-do- Acc	154.10	163.10	+0.30	3.36
Smaller Cos	60.60	64.10	...	3.05
-do- Acc	114.80	121.50	...	3.05
Trustee	39.50	41.80	+0.10	3.84
Charifound 3	‡114.07	...	+0.30	9.45
Charifund 2	610.10	646.60	+0.80	5.16
Pension ex 1	838.60	859.60	-0.70	4.28
NAACIF Inc 3	‡126.90	...	+0.20	7.63
-do- Acc 3	‡1126.0	...	+2.00	7.63

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 400, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	135.60	143.00†	-0.07	2.08
-do- Acc	152.00	162.50†	-0.07	2.08
UK Income	111.90	119.70†	...	2.40
-do- Acc	126.50	135.20†	...	2.60
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	83.70	89.52	-0.05	0.76
Far East (Pacific)	136.50	144.00†	+1.20	0.69
Income Growth	70.59	74.94	-1.01	3.50
European	68.53	72.75	+0.64	1.24
Nth American	56.96	60.47†	+0.24	1.01
UK Growth	75.29	79.92	-0.20	1.62
Intl Growth	95.90	101.80	+0.60	0.63
Charities	107.40	114.00	-0.10	3.85
Intl Income	68.02	72.21†	+0.11	5.49
Japan	54.11	57.44	+1.19	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	190.50	202.80	...	...
-do- Acc	204.00	216.80	...	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	+0.10	5.62
-do- Acc	130.00	130.00	...	5.62
European Gth	192.60	204.30	+1.40	0.78
-do- Acc	206.10	218.70	+1.50	0.78
General	454.50	484.60	-0.70	2.50
-do- Acc	864.60	922.30	-1.10	2.50
Global Dist	133.40	140.20	+0.30	5.21
-do- Acc	149.30	156.90	+0.30	5.21
Income	136.70	145.60†	-0.10	4.67
-do- Acc	201.70	215.10†	-0.10	4.67
International	392.80	418.50†	+2.10	0.67
-do- Acc	527.10	556.70†	+3.00	0.67
Japan	190.00	201.60	+5.20	...
-do- Acc	195.00	206.90	+5.30	...
New Europe	138.00	147.20	+0.60	1.76
-do- Acc	140.20	149.60	+0.60	1.76
Recovery	288.80	308.10	-0.60	2.91
-do- Acc	364.90	389.30	-0.70	2.91
European Inc	72.70	77.22	+0.39	3.16
-do- Acc	93.95	99.79†	+0.51	3.16
Brit Blue Chip	70.79	75.42	-0.12	3.34
-do- Acc	83.48	88.95	-0.15	3.34
Portfolio	73.39	78.07	+0.13	2.90
-do- Acc	83.45	88.77	+0.15	2.90
Gold General	146.90	155.20	-1.50	0.99
-do- Acc	150.20	161.60†	-1.50	0.99
Pacific	92.60	98.78†	-0.55	0.85
-do- Acc	98.43	105.00†	-0.60	0.85
UK Smaller Cos	53.44	57.01	-0.14	1.91
-do- Acc	59.65	63.63	-0.15	1.91
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.15	61.12	-0.04	2.89
-do- Acc	58.03	62.06	-0.04	2.89
British Dist	75.12	80.34	-0.17	2.12
-do- Acc	85.03	90.94	-0.20	2.12
European Gth	170.93	182.80†	+0.30	0.25
-do- Acc	214.60	229.20	+0.50	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.15	72.89†	+0.02	6.30
-do- Acc	121.80	130.30	...	6.30
FT-SE 100 Index	46.85	50.11†	-0.09	2.73
-do- Acc	47.54	50.85	-0.09	2.73
Gilt Fixed Int	56.58	58.91†	+0.08	6.84
-do- Acc	151.00	157.20	+0.20	6.84
High Yield	216.50	231.50	...	4.74
-do- Acc	508.10	543.40	-0.10	4.74
Income	276.10	295.30	-0.20	3.37
-do- Acc	574.00	613.90	-0.50	3.37
Japan Gth	351.70	376.20	+7.20	...
-do- Acc	371.20	397.00	+7.50	...
Mandarin Acc	98.98	105.90	-0.90	0.46
North American	166.20	177.80†	-1.40	0.25
-do- Acc	209.70	224.30	-1.80	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 8123				
American Gth	270.10	287.50†	+0.10	...
Deposit Inc	99.94	99.94†	+0.01	5.45
Deposit Acc	122.97	122.97†	+0.01	5.45
Euro Gth Acc	284.10	303.30†	+1.90	...
Europa	121.80	130.90	+0.20	...
Intl Gth	174.50	186.60	+1.70	...
Japan Tracker	80.06	84.82	+1.98	...
UK Equity Inc	146.90	158.10	...	4.17
-do- Acc	180.10	193.90	...	4.17
UK Ind Tracker	141.00	150.90	-0.10	3.18
US Eq Ind Trkr	194.00	205.80	...	1.43
-do- Acc	205.20	217.70	...	1.43
Asian Tracker	159.00	172.30	-0.70	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	169.90	174.00	-0.20	2.17
European	60.32	61.56	+0.40	1.80
Olympiad	55.46	56.87	+0.48	0.38
Global Bond	48.11	48.64	+0.32	6.37
Smaller Cos	67.50	70.46	+0.03	0.92
Equity Income	89.64	92.18†	-0.05	5.17
UK Growth	81.87	84.45	-0.31	1.79
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.32	50.47	-0.01	0.97
Australian Acc	312.40	335.10	-1.60	...
Conscience	62.71	66.92†	+1.16	1.30
-do- Acc	67.68	72.23	+1.25	1.30
European	167.70	178.40	+0.40	1.17
-do- Acc	180.50	192	+0.50	1.17
Extra Income	71.65	76.46	-0.02	5.80
-do- Acc	109.60	116.90	...	5.80
Far Eastern Gth	163.60	174.80	-0.70	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.61	62.91	+0.01	6.55
Gold	53.84	57.89	+0.54	...
-do- Acc	57.99	62.35	+0.59	...
Income	51.17	54.58†	-0.02	5.15
-do- Acc	156.60	167	-0.10	5.15
International	29.54	31.69	+0.03	1.04
-do- Acc	42.44	45.53	+0.03	1.04
Jap Sm Cos Acc	347.40	370.50	+4.00	...
S pore Mly Acc	184.40	197.70	-1.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.88	26.75†	-0.07	2.06
Special Sits	31.58	33.95	-0.08	1.77
-do- Acc	36.37	39.10	-0.09	1.77
Tokyo	87.68	93.73	+1.32	...
-do- Acc	88.77	94.68	+1.34	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
95 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	65.92	70.13†	-0.21	2.73
N&P Glt Fxd Int	76.52	80.98	+0.11	5.88
N&P Higher Inc	193.80	206.20†	+0.50	4.65
N&P UK Income	99.85	106.23	+0.10	3.81
N&P Intl	87.59	93.19	+0.22	1.65
N&P Smaller Cos	72.29	76.91	-0.39	1.60
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	163.74	174.20†	-0.44	2.53
Global	292.83	311.53	-1.01	1.14
Growth	107.62	114.49	-0.31	2.55
Income	199.79	212.55†	-0.33	4.40
Intl Bond	129.41	137.41	-0.23	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.80	141.90	-0.10†	2.61
-do- Acc	238.90	251.40	-0.30	2.61
Income	217.50	231.30	+0.20	3.57

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Intl Equity	226.20	238.40	+1.00	0.85
-do- Acc	245.40	261.00	+1.10	0.85
Equity	211.40	224.80†	-0.20	2.49
-do- Acc	433.30	460.90	-0.50	2.49
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.86	72.93	-0.05	2.00
UK Income	59.22	62.99†	-0.03	5.12
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.61	80.43	-0.11	1.41
New Europe Acc	61.67	65.60	+0.35	1.22
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	93.23	99.72	-1.49	0.08
PEP Gth Inc	101.36	108.20	+0.01	1.38
Intl Gth	487.80	521.72	-0.04	0.77
Income	303.94	325.07	+0.64	3.30
W wide Recov	313.44	335.26	+0.09	0.40
American Gth	209.69	224.27	-1.17	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	186.36	199.32	-0.81	0.20
Far East Gth	222.57	238.06	+0.45	0.01
European Gth	113.05	120.91	-0.57	1.16
UK Growth	76.69	82.05	+0.14	2.75
High Income	82.45	88.19†	+0.08	4.35
Japanese Gth	218.56	233.07	+3.22	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	175.70	187.00	...	0.60
High Income	107.30	114.30	-1.50	3.69
Conv Gilt	108.90	115.80	...	6.05
Far East	314.30	334.40	-0.10	0.23
Global Inc Acc	31.67	33.69	-0.02	5.22
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.40	53.62†	-0.27	0.20
Emerging Mkts	65.61	69.80†	-0.52	0.56
General	46.20	49.15†	-0.13	3.27
International	83.73	89.10	+0.16	1.35
Gilt Units	25.83	26.63	-0.02	7.24
Global PEP	34.55	36.75	+0.07	2.11
Income Gth	64.11	68.20	-0.06	4.80
European	42.89	45.63	+0.26	0.66
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.21	25.76†	-0.01	6.07
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.18	33.34	-0.03	1.76
Pru Csh Bvn Inc	101.54	102.04†	+0.01	4.75
-do- Acc	105.68	106.20†	+0.01	4.75
Pru Equity	643.60	688.34	-1.31	2.63
Pru Equity Inc	78.31	83.75	-0.20	4.86
Pru European	173.82	185.90†	+0.87	1.18
Pru Global Gth	79.26	84.77	-0.03	1.36
Pru High Inc	84.28	90.13†	-0.14	4.86
Pru Intl	162.11	173.37†	+0.09	1.15
Pru Intl Sm Co	70.02	74.88	+0.03	0.69
Pru Japanese	203.16	217.28	+2.63	...
Pru Nth Amer	142.23	152.11	-1.13	0.84
Pru Pacific Mkt	77.25	82.62	-0.48	1.20
Pru Premr Inc	50.26	53.84	+0.10	5.17
Pru Smllr Cos	81.87	87.56	-0.19	2.14
Pru Spec Sits	95.22	101.83†	-0.23	2.50
Pru UK Growth	107.37	114.83	-0.21	2.51
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	151.43	163.14	+0.03	3.62
NC Japan	281.99	302.21	+6.87	...
NC Mid UK Cos	89.22	95.97†	-0.24	2.58
NC America Inc	502.37	537.27	+0.08	0.75
-do- Acc	581.42	624.04	+0.10	0.75
NC Smlr UK Cos	266.45	280.28	-0.84	1.68
NC European	251.19	268.04	+2.43	1.51
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 282101 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.07	77.73	-0.09	3.65
Capital Units	143.00	152.10†	+0.20	1.29
Commodity	115.20	122.60	+0.80	1.06
European Gth	157.70	167.80	+0.70	1.27
Financial Sec	177.00	188.30†	-0.10	1.79
High Return	207.80	221.10†	-0.30	3.74
High Yield	204.20	217.20	+0.10	4.01
Income Units	108.50	115.40	+0.10	4.77
Investment	177.30	188.60	-0.30	1.27
Japan Gth	158.80	168.90	+3.70	...
Japan Smaller	181.40	193.00	+3.30	...
Masterfund	46.66	49.66†	-0.11	1.28
Scotbits	257.80	274.30†	...	1.50
Scotshares	254.90	271.20†	-0.10	2.53
Scotyields	222.10	238.30	-0.50	3.80
Select Intl	130.50	138.8†	+0.80	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.90	243.50	-0.30	3.87
Special Situation	110.40	117.40†	-0.50	0.82
UK Equity	221.60	235.70	-0.60	2.76
US Growth	138.70	147.60	-0.50	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ, Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	235.31	250.25	-2.38	0.58
-do- Acc	254.95	271.14	-2.57	0.58
Australian	131.14	139.88	-1.15	0.81
-do- Acc	154.17	164.45	-1.36	0.81
UK Enterprise	212.25	226.40†	+0.63	2.36
-do- Acc	248.04	264.57	+0.74	2.36
European Gth	61.40	65.27†	-0.01	1.36
-do- Acc	63.78	67.80	...	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	55.44	59.10†	+0.05	0.46
-do- Acc	55.82	59.50	+0.05	0.46
Far Eastern Gth	72.13	76.93	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	73.29	78.17	-0.34	...
Fixed Interest	54.48	57.45	+0.07	6.52
-do- Acc	66.16	69.76	+0.08	6.52
Gilt Income	105.38	111.09	+0.06	7.43
-do- Acc	147.18	155.10	+0.08	7.43
Income	317.30	338.43	+0.89	3.80
-do- Acc	935.94	998.33	+2.60	3.80
Japan Enterprise	69.82	74.47	+1.06	...
-do- Acc	69.82	74.47	+1.06	...
Japan Smllr Cos	480.88	512.93†	+4.60	...
-do- Acc	481.84	513.95	+4.61	...
Pacific Gth	94.88	101.20	-1.21	0.07
-do- Acc	97.69	104.20	-1.25	0.07
Smaller Cos	189.73	202.37†	-0.13	0.79
-do- Acc	219.43	234.06	-0.14	0.79
Tokyo	110.50	118.07	+1.67	...
-do- Acc	111.81	119.26	+1.68	...
UK Equity	206.26	220.01†	+0.16	2.58
-do- Acc	386.74	412.53	+0.31	2.58
US Smllr Cos	136.63	145.73	-0.86	...
-do- Acc	136.63	145.73	-0.86	...
World Fd	70.61	75.31	+0.08	2.07
-do- Acc	74.44	79.40	+0.09	2.07
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.61	49.64	+0.03	3.72
Equity Strategy	62.69	66.76	-0.19	1.04
European Opps	71.84	76.51	+0.37	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.53	102.10	+0.02	5.36
UK Smaller Cos	53.21	56.67	-0.01	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	335.60	358.80	-1.00	2.88
American	247.90	263.20	-1.80	0.78
Pacific	338.60	362.10	+1.90	0.60
European	448.00	479.10	-0.10	1.20
Worldwide	80.03	85.59	-0.38	1.11
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	297.40	316.40†	-1.30	2.74

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Sm Cos Eqy	208.40	221.80†	-0.20	1.67
European	330.80	352.00	-1.50	1.67
North American	258.60	275.20	+0.10	0.56
Income Plus Inc	66.78	71.05	+0.05	3.80
UK Spec Sits	66.42	70.67	+0.06	2.92
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.22	26.99	-0.02	2.03
Intl Growth Acc	29.64	31.72	+0.23	0.98
Market Ldrs Acc	25.46	27.25	...	3.05
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 3226				
European	‡101.00	...	+0.90	...
Global Bond	‡99.48	...	+0.22	7.50
Japan Summit	‡97.44	...	+2.04	...
UK Growth	‡98.79	...	-0.35	4.00
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.01	46.77	-0.10	1.68
Equity Gth Acc	59.46	63.18	-0.20	1.56
UK Eq General	41.06	43.63	-0.27	2.29
-do- Acc	54.25	57.62	-0.30	2.29
European Acc	41.83	44.45	+0.20	1.10
Far East Acc	56.64	60.16	+0.30	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	31.24	33.04	+0.10	6.36
N American Acc	43.71	46.45	+0.10	0.93
O/S Lgr Cos Acc	283.00	307.10	+1.40	1.45
UK Eq High Inc	35.32	37.53	...	3.85
-do- Acc	41.05	44.58	...	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Inc	284.80	309.10	-1.40	3.80
UK Lgr Cos Acc	370.90	402.50	-1.80	3.80
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.56	N253.80	...	1.25
US Eq	$2.079	$2.208	...	1.21
Far East Eq	Y232.8	Y247.3	...	...
Japan Eq	Y239.3	Y254.2	...	...
FT Europe	110.50	117.80	...	2.21
FT North Am	$1.593	$1.706	...	1.31
FT Japan	Y236.1	Y250.7	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.894	$2.012	...	1.60
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	344.10	366.60	+0.20	0.32
British	933.30	987.40	+0.50	4.5[illegible]
European	390.70	415.40	+1.50	1.[illegible]
Japan	147.60	156.70	+2.00	...
New Pacific	298.60	318.00	+0.10	1.06
Mngd Cash	95.49	95.49†	...	5.16
Majority Stlg	99.68	100.67†	+0.01	4.89
Inv Tst	190.30	201.70	-0.30	1.78
Saints PPP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	712.80	762.40	-1.20	3.17
N America Acc	116.40	124.50	-0.60	0.31
Far East Acc	124.70	133.40	-0.40	0.07
W wide Bond	61.76	65.56	-0.07	5.47
European	83.62	89.43	+0.63	0.64
Equity Income	81.52	87.19†	-0.02	4.15
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.46	36.86	+0.01	0.54
Managed Assets	117.04	125.18†	+0.13	3.22
UK Income	35.82	38.32†	-0.01	3.03
UK Growth	35.67	38.15	-0.07	2.30
Worldwide Gth	31.40	33.59†	+0.26	0.44
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	210.37	223.75	-2.47	0.08
-do- Acc	231.01	245.75	-2.72	0.08
British Gth	83.76	89.11	-0.85	1.98
-do- Acc	98.56	104.85	-0.99	1.98
European	90.51	96.29	-0.50	0.96
-do- Acc	95.47	101.56	-0.53	0.96
Extra Inc	183.18	194.87	-1.88	4.14
-do- Acc	292.21	310.86	-3.01	4.14
General Unit	256.70	273.09†	-2.49	2.41
-do- Acc	512.68	545.40†	-4.97	2.41
Income	318.01	338.31†	-0.39	3.57
-do- Acc	660.86	703.04†	-0.80	3.57
International	489.83	520.03	-2.31	0.44
-do- Acc	639.83	680.78	-3.01	0.44
Pacific	348.47	370.71†	-0.68	...
-do- Acc	366.05	389.41†	-0.71	...
Premier Income	51.62	53.77	+0.06	6.29
-do- Acc	107.62	112.10	+0.11	6.29
Nat Resources	137.73	146.52	+0.51	0.15
-do- Acc	151.15	160.80	+0.55	0.15
Selected Opps	98.21	102.35	-1.47	1.17
-do- Acc	120.45	128.14	-1.84	1.17
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smll Cos	75.90	80.96	+0.16	...
-do- Acc	78.29	83.50	+0.16	...
European Opps	61.11	65.03	+0.24	0.45
-do- Acc	61.74	65.70	+0.23	0.45
Far East Opps	151.89	162.01	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	155.43	165.79	-0.06	...
Japan	88.44	94.10	+1.06	...
-do- Acc	88.44	94.10	+1.06	...
Little Dragons	73.41	78.30	...	0.64
-do- Acc	75.58	80.61	-0.01	0.64
Oriental Income	44.29	47.24	+0.09	3.37
-do- Acc	56.46	60.22	+0.10	3.37
Tiger	211.82	225.94	-0.43	1.17
-do- Acc	222.54	237.37	-0.46	1.17
UK Small Cos	77.77	83.17	+0.04	1.91
-do- Acc	90.73	97.03	+0.03	1.91
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	19.37	20.60	-0.05	0.50
Pacific Basin	32.77	34.86	+0.52	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.38	38.70	+0.32	...
Global Bond	$0.966	$1.007	+0.008	7.12
Penny Share	24.45	26.01	+0.29	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.98	52.98	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	68.56	71.36	+0.25	...
Gilt Income	52.63	54.76†	+0.11	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	108.90	110.40	+0.10	...
US Govmt Bd	$0.717	$0.726	+0.000	...
Challenger	95.72	97.95	+0.25	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	67.01	71.28	+0.05	1.97

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend: ‡ Middle price: ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,600	Cadbury	2,200	MB Cardn	159	Scot Power	949
Abbey Natl	5,700	Carlton Cms	638	Marks Spr	3,000	Sears	7,500
Alld-Lyons	1,900	Coats Viyella	719	NFC	43	Svrn Trent	3,100
Anglian W	3,600	Cm Union	1,400	NatWst Bk	2,800	Shell Trans	2,700
Argyll Gp	3,000	Courtaulds	993	Nat Power	2,900	Siebe	823
Arjo Wiggn	5,300	De La Rue	482	Nth Wst W	2,300	SmKl Bch	2,800
AB Foods	1,200	Enterpr Oil	1,400	Nthn Fds	8,400	Smith Nph	1,700
BAA	2,200	Forte	3,700	P & O	888	Std Chartd	914
BAT Inds	6,900	GRE	4,300	Pearson	1,800	Sun Allnce	1,600
BOC	1,000	GUS A	96	PowerGen	850	TI Gp	894
BP	4,000	Gen Acc	1,300	Prudential	4,200	TSB	1,700
BT	6,000	Gen Elec	6,500	RMC	747	Tate & Lyle	1,200
BTR	9,100	Glaxo	2,700	RTZ	1,100	Tesco	4,800
Bk of Scot	866	Granada	1,800	Rank Org	776	Thames W	2,800
Barclays	5,000	Grand Met	2,100	Reckit Col	872	Thrn EMI	895
Bass	3,400	Guinness	2,000	Redland	1,300	Tomkins	10,000
Blue Circle	1,600	HSBC	5,200	Reed Intl	1,300	Unilever	4,700
Boots	2,200	Hanson	15,000	Rentokil	1,700	Utd Bisc	1,000
Bowater	1,500	ICI	2,600	Reuters	867	Vodafone	2,100
Brit Aero	2,200	Inchcape	2,400	Rothmans	608	Warburg (SG)	602
Brit Airwys	2,300	Kingfisher	1,400	Ryl Ins	3,400	Wellcome	644
Brit Gas	5,600	Ladbroke	1,400	Ryl Bk Scot	4,000	Whitbd 'A'	2,000
Brit Steel	7,900	Land Secs	523	Sainsbury	2,300	Wllms Hld	1,700
Burmah Cast	189	Legal & Gn	2,000	Scot Hydro	701	Wolseley	571
Cable Wire	1,900	Lloyds Bk	2,600	Scot & New	1,200	Zeneca	2,800

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3516.00 (-8.38)
S&P Composite 448.69 (-0.29)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20180.42 (+300.42)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6956.10 (-3.51)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 116.9 (-0.4)

Sydney: AO 1804.2 (+2.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1807.16 (-11.03)

FT 30 share: 2228.6 (+7.4)

Brussels:
General 6752.65 (+45.79)

Paris: CAC 545.09 (+4.27)

Zurich: SKA Gen 546.40 (-1.40)

London:
FT A All-Share 1408.44 (+2.28)
FT 500 1514.56 (+1.11)
FT Gold Mines 221.3 (-4.5)
FT Fixed Interest 116.53 (+0.32)
FT Govt Secs 97.90 (-0.16)
Bargains 25584
SEAQ Volume 592.4m
USM (Datastrm) 139.44 (-0.10)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 12	July 23	October 14	October 25

Call options were taken out on 13/7/93: Allied Radio, Aminex, Division Group, Essex Furniture, Hanson Wts, Harrstone, Heritage, Millwall, Micro Focus, Ramco, Resort Hotels, Suter Wts, Waverley Mining.
Puts: Dares Estates, Micro Focus. Puts & Calls: Dares Estates, Greycoat.

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	40½	55	63½	1½	9	16½
(*537½)	550	5½	25	34½	18	30	39
Argyll	300	14½	26½	32	3	11	16½
(*319)	330	2	12	17½	22½	27½	33
ASDA	57	7	9	-	1½	4	-
(*62½)	67	2	4½	-	6½	10	-
Boots	420	9	26½	34	9	18	28
(*421½)	460	1	10	18	42	45	52½
Br Airways	287	16	29½	35	3	12	18
(*303)	316	2½	14	20½	20	27½	33½
BP	280	20½	27	32½	1½	8½	13½
(*298½)	300	5	16	22	8	17	21½
Br Steel	90	7½	12	16	2	5½	7½
(*96)	100	1	7½	12	7	10	12
C & W	750	20	44	59	12½	29	38½
(*761½)	800	2	19½	33½	51½	60	68
CU	590	37	47	-	2½	16	-
(*614½)	629	5½	20½	-	23	43	-
ICI	633	16½	33½	50	9	31	38
(*644)	657	6	23	38	24½	46½	52
Kingfshr	584	14	32	-	9½	26	-
(*584½)	632	1½	15	-	47	57	-
Land Sec	550	42	55	62½	1	7	13
(*586)	600	6	24½	31½	16½	27	36
M & S	300	34½	41½	46	1	4	7½
(*333½)	330	8½	21	27½	5½	14	19½
Nat West	460	35½	43½	54	1½	10½	16
(*492)	500	7	20½	31½	14½	29½	34½
Sainsbury	430	23	37	45	3	12	18
(*436)	460	2	16	25	26	34	41
Shell	600	20½	32½	44	4	19	25½
(*616)	650	1½	9½	21	37½	50	54½
Smkl Bch	420	12½	29	40	9½	24	31
(*423½)	460	1½	13½	24	41	50	55½
Storehse	180	13	20	24	1	6½	11
(*190½)	200	2	10	15	12	17	21
Trafalgar	100	5½	12	-	3	8	-
(*100½)	110	2	7½	9½	9	13	17
Unilever	1000	13	46	63	17½	35	46½
(*977½)	1050	2	23	37½	61	68½	70½
Zeneca	600	22	39½	53	5	26	34½
(*617½)	650	2½	15	30	37½	57	64
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	390	25	35½	45½	3	12½	23½
(*412½)	420	4½	19½	30	17½	27	38½
Ladbroke	190	8½	18	23	3½	13	16½
(*196)	200	1½	8½	14½	16½	25½	29½
Utd Bisc	360	15	30	41½	6	17	28½
(*366½)	390	3	17	27	25½	34½	45½

July 13, 1993 Tot: 29392 Call: 18975 Put: 10417 FT-SE Call: 6110 Put: 2707
*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	700	25	49½	58	9	21	29
(*715)	750	5½	25½	32½	39	48	55½
Thames W	460	35½	43	51	2	11	14
(*490)	500	9½	23	27½	16½	25½	32
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	400	18	29½	39	11	20	25
(*414½)	425	5½	18	27	27½	35	38½
BTR	360	9½	17½	24½	8	17½	21
(*361½)	390	1½	7	12½	32½	38	40½
Br Aero	390	45	65½	78	7	25	33
(*426½)	420	24	49	63½	18	39	47½
Br Telcm	390	25½	30½	34	3½	14	20
(*411)	420	6½	15½	19½	15	30	36½
Cadbury	420	36	47½	56½	2½	11½	14
(*447½)	460	9	24	33	16½	23½	32½
Guinness	460	19	36½	49	9	21	28½
(*468)	500	4	18	30	35½	44½	51½
GEC	300	20	28½	33	3½	7½	10
(*315½)	330	3	11½	17½	18	22	25½
Hanson	220	19	23½	27	1½	6	10
(*236½)	240	5	12	16½	8½	15	19½
LASMO	140	15	22	27	3	9	13
(*150)	160	4	12	18	13	20	25
Lucas	140	12	18	22½	4	11	14
(*149)	160	3	9	13½	16	23	26
Pilkngtn	120	12½	18	19	2	6	9½
(*130)	130	6	12	13	5½	11	15
Prudential	330	16	25½	32½	5½	13½	17½
(*339)	360	3	11	18	24	31	34½
Redland	460	22	38½	47½	10½	30	35½
(*470)	500	5	22½	30½	36½	53½	58½
Royal Ins	317	12½	23	31½	8½	16½	21
(*319)	346	3	10½	18½	29½	34½	37½
Tesco	200	11½	19½	25	5	12½	15
(*206½)	220	3	10	15½	17½	24	27
Vodafone	420	27	45	53	7	19½	25
(*439)	460	7	25	33½	29	39½	45½
Williams	300	24	30½	37½	3	12	15½
(*318½)	330	6	15	22½	16½	29	32

FT-SE INDEX (*2836½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Jul	144	100	48	12	2½	2
Aug	154	112	75	45	24	13
Sep	167	126	92	63	42	26
Oct	181	143	110	81	59	41
Dec	211	-	144	-	93	-
Puts						
Jul	½	1½	3½	19	63	114
Aug	11	17	31	54	84	123
Sep	20	31	45	67	95	130
Oct	30	43	59	79	107	140
Dec	51	-	83	-	132	-

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	32	44	51½	6½	12	19½
(*413½)	420	13	26	34½	25½	26½	34
Amstrad	30	4	5½	6½	2	3½	4
(*31)	35	2	3	4	5	6	7
Barclays	460	34	48	57½	11	18	24
(*481)	500	12	27	36½	31½	38½	45
Blue Circ	240	15	21½	27½	11½	19	22½
(*241½)	260	6½	13½	18½	24½	31	34½
Br Gas	280	20	23½	25	5½	12	15½
(*291)	300	8½	12½	19½	14½	23	26½
Dixons	180	16½	24	28	7½	12½	16
(*191½)	200	7	15	19	19	23	26½
Forte	220	15½	22½	29	12	19	23
(*221½)	240	7	15	21	24½	31½	34½
Hillsdwn	140	11	16	20	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*143)	160	3½	8	12	22	25	28
Lonrho	130	10	17	19	9	14	17
(*131)	140	5½	12	15	15½	19	23
Sears	90	9½	12	13½	2½	4	5
(*95½)	100	3½	6	9	7	9½	10½
Thrn Emi	900	23½	44½	54½	41½	50½	61½
(*905½)	950	7	25½	34	32	87	94½
Tomkins	220	8	15½	19	14½	17½	22
(*218½)	240	3	9	13	30½	32	35
TSB	180	19	24½	27½	4½	7½	12
(*196)	300	7	13½	17	14½	17½	22½
Wellcome	650	39½	60	73	23	47½	56
(*652)	700	18½	37½	52	58½	75	86
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	34	48	62	23½	43½	52
(*555½)	600	13½	28	42	55	75	83
HSBC	650	37½	60	77½	26	41	52
(*658½)	700	16	37	55	56½	69	86
Reuter	1350	86	125	54½	32½	61	49½
(*1400)	1400	55	101	29½	55½	87	110
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	13	19½	20	7	13½	14½
(*144)	160	4	10	12	20	25½	26½
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	160	19	27	29	1½	7	11½
(*176)	180	5½	15	13½	8	16½	22
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastrn Elc	500	4½	17½	25½	25	32	40
(*496)	550	1	6	11½	72½	73½	75½
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	16	27	32	13	19½	23½
(*358)	390	5½	14	19½	33½	36½	40½
Scot Pwr	300	34½	30½	-	10	15	-
(*316½)	330	4	11	15½	24	27	30½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2842.0	2852.0	2835.0	2845.0	8480
Previous open interest: 42253	Dec 93	2865.0	2865.0	2864.5	2863.0	2
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.30	94.30	94.15	94.15	49370
Previous open interest: 331425	Dec 93	94.47	94.49	94.35	94.36	21981
	Mar 94	94.40	94.40	94.30	94.30	7214
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.63	96.64	96.62	96.61	302
Previous open interest: 13485	Dec 93	96.26	96.27	96.26	96.24	65
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.35	93.36	93.26	93.28	47217
Previous open interest: 645451	Dec 93	94.04	94.06	93.98	94.00	20815
Long Gilt	Sep 93	108-13	108-15	107-28	107-31	75277
Previous open interest: 81383	Dec 93	107-23	107-23	107-21	107-06	12
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	109.77	109.81	109.68	109.78	1502
	Dec 93				108.63	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	96.30	96.44	96.04	96.09	73973
Previous open interest: 175449	Dec 93	96.52	96.56	96.26	96.26	2679
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.08	100.14	99.90	99.90	3048
Previous open interest: 19870	Dec 93				100.09	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.10	93.21	93.10	93.13	2276
Previous open interest: 25412	Dec 93	93.79	93.88	93.79	93.80	803
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.63	95.64	95.55	95.55	5639
Previous open interest: 39273	Dec 93	95.85	95.85	95.78	95.79	930
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	104.14	104.53	104.14	104.41	12527
Previous open interest: 49625	Dec 93	103.97	104.10	103.97	104.06	237

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.2 (day's range 80.7-81.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 13	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8784-2.8997	2.8962-2.8997	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Brussels	52.61-53.16	53.10-53.16	3-8ds	11-18ds
Copenhagen	9.8930-10.0320	10.0090-10.0320	2¾-4¼ds	6¾-8⅝ds
Dublin	1.0639-1.0655	1.0639-1.0652	2-7ds	9-16ds
Frankfurt	2.5495-2.5779	2.5746-2.5779	¼-⅜ds	⅜-⅞ds
Lisbon	244.90-247.46	246.98-247.46	123-133ds	316-350ds
Madrid	196.79-199.03	198.74-199.03	96-112ds	236-272ds
Milan	2346.30-2372.80	2368.10-2372.80	6-8ds	19-22ds
Montreal	1.8881-1.9132	1.9103-1.9132	0.33-0.22pr	0.57-0.44pr
New York	1.4780-1.4970	1.4960-1.4970	0.39-0.37pr	1.03-0.99pr
Oslo	10.8760-10.9880	10.9650-10.9880	par-1ds	⅜-2¼ds
Paris	8.7046-8.7960	8.7820-8.7960	1⅝-2¼ds	4⅛-4⅞ds
Stockholm	11.7810-11.9150	11.8910-11.9150	2-3¼ds	5⅞-7¼ds
Tokyo	160.66-162.16	161.86-162.13	⅛-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.95-18.16	18.13-18.16	⅛-1⅜ds	1⅝-3⅝ds
Zurich	2.2557-2.2717	2.2686-2.2717	⅜-⅛pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4870-1.4896
Australia dollar	2.1989-2.2021
Bahrain dinar	0.5505-0.5625
Brazil cruzeiro*	90343.9-90406.0
Cyprus pound	0.753-0.763
Finland marka	8.5445-8.6605
Greece drachma	345.5-352.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.547-11.557
India rupee	45.87-46.83
Kuwait dinar KD	0.441-0.451
Malaysia ringgit	3.8278-3.8319
Mexico peso	4.55-4.65
New Zealand dollar	2.7072-2.7141
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.472-5.598
Singapore dollar	2.4092-2.4124
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8642-6.8987
S Africa rand (com)	4.9888-4.9953
U A E dirham	5.358-5.482

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4716-1.4727
Austria	12.11-12.12
Belgium (Com)	35.50-35.51
Canada	1.277-1.278
Denmark	6.691-6.701
France	5.871-5.876
Germany	1.723-1.723
Hong Kong	7.755-7.756
Ireland	1.4055-1.4065
Italy	1583.0-1585.0
Japan	108.35-108.45
Malaysia	2.569-2.570
Netherlands	1.936-1.937
Norway	7.33-7.34
Portugal	165.3-165.5
Singapore	1.618-1.619
Spain	133.25-133.35
Sweden	7.949-7.959
Switzerland	1.5185-1.5195

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¾ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5½	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	6⅛-5⅞	6-5¾	6-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
	6⅛-5⅞	6-5¾	6-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
Overnight: open 5¾, close 6¼.					
Local Authority Deps	5⅞	n/a	5⅞	5¾	5⅞
Sterling CDs	6-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
Dollar CDs	3.07-3.03	n/a	3.16-3.12	3.32-3.28	3.56-3.52
Building Society CDs	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1993 Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to August 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to June 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅛-6⅞	8¼-7¾
French Franc	8⅛-8¼	8⅛-8⅛	8-7⅞	7⅝-7⅜	8-7
Swiss Franc	4⅞-4⅝	4⅞-4⅝	4⅞-4⅝	4⅝-4⅜	5⅛-4⅞
Yen	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLDBULLION/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.00-390.40 Close: $393.80-394.20 High: $394.00-394.50
Low: $388.25-388.75 Krugerrand: $392.50-395.50 (£262.50-265.50)
Sovereigns: Old $92.00-94.00 (£60.25-62.25) New $92.00-94.00 (£60.25-62.25)
Platinum: $402.25 (£269.80) Silver: $5.01 (£3.35) Palladium: $136.75 (£91.70)

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: A frost scare once again hit the coffee market, with prices soaring in London and New York on reports that temperatures in Parana state in Brazil may fall to freezing over the next few days. However Parana is no longer a key growing region, and now accounts for less than 10% of the countries crop, most coffee production has been transferred north to warmer climates because of this annual threat.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	738-736	Sep	798-797
Sep	749-748	Dec	817-812
Dec	755-754	Mar	827-826
Mar	768-766	May	834 BID
May	778-777		
Jul	788-787	Volume: 5407	

ROBUSTA COFFEE (£)

Jul	972-967	Mar	1002 BID
Sep	999-997	May	1002-994
Nov	1007-1005	Jul	995 SLR
Jan	1005-1004	Volume: 4193	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-	Volume: 0	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	264.5-62.3
Spot: 264.0		May	267.5-65.0
Aug	260.0-58.5	Aug	272.0-69.0
Oct	250.5-59.0	Oct	264.0-61.0
Dec	261.5-59.3	Volume: 741	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.78	99.38	135.95
(+/-)	-1.73	-1.15	-2.72
Eng/Wales	80.61	99.74	134.20
(+/-)	-0.75	-0.96	-1.80
(%)	-1.2	-0.6	+7.3
Scotland:	86.09	97.47	141.68
(+/-)	-5.33	-2.08	-5.08
(%)	+5.0	+8.3	-0.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (f/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jul	unq	unq	Oct	unq	unq
Aug	103.0	103.0		Volume: 5	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.95
Nov	108.55
Jan	110.85
Mar	113.05
May	115.25
Volume: 323	

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.40
Nov	106.00
Jan	108.45
Mar	110.45
May	111.75
Volume: 53	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	174.90
Oct	174.90
Dec	177.50
Feb	179.50
Apr	180.90
Volume: 0	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.5
Apr	93.3	93.3
May	unq	103.5
Volume: 23		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Aug 59.25-59.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Rumours that the UN/Iraq talks might end soon, caused a further recovery of oil prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.95	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.00	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	17.15	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.20	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	18.45	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	198 (n/c)	200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	162 (+2)	163 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Aug	164 (+2)	165 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Sep	165 (-)	166 (-)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	168 (-1)	170 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	161.75-62.00	Nov	167.25-67.50
Sep	162.50-62.75	Dec	169.25-69.75
Oct	165.25-65.50	Jan	170.50-70.75
			Vol: 9862

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.02-17.02	Nov	17.50 SLR
Sep	17.15-17.16	Dec	17.65-17.69
Oct	17.32-17.34		Vol: 40293

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	188.50 SLR	Nov	unq
Sep	186.00 SLR	Dec	unq
Oct	179.00-84.00		Vol: nil

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 93	1305	1285	1304
Aug 93	1300	1280	1300
Sep 93	1295	1295	1307
Oct 93			1358

Vol: 77 lots. Open interest: 3609 Index: 1371 -7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1895.5-1896.0	1905.0-1905.5	130100.0
Lead ($/tonne)	388.00-388.50	401.00-401.50	79075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	953.00-954.00	971.00-971.50	832250
Tin ($/tonne)	5020.0-5025.0	5060.0-5062.0	6025
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1176.0-1178.0	1200.0-1201.0	1159700
Nickel ($/tonne)	5045.0-5050.0	5110.0-5111.0	2760

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Modest gains in thin trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 5. Dealings end July 16. §Contango day July 19. Settlement day July 26. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	414	-3	11.5	3.5	16.0
263	179	Allied Irish	253	...	...	4.5	12.0
176	130	Aus New Z	175	...	...	5.2	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	3056¼	+12½	...	...	...
253	188	Bk of Ireland	241	...	...	5.6	16.4
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
156	116½	Bank Scotland	154½	+½	4.5	3.7	20.8
496	362	Barclays	481	+1	...	3.9	...
4	2	Benchmark	4	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	18½	+½	...	...	...
513	395	Cater Allen	482	...	27.0	7.0	...
130	85	Cattles	127	...	...	4.1	16.9
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2237½	+6¼	...	...	...
2137½	1349½	Citicorp	2137½	+6¼	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	347	-2	...	3.5	15.4
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£125½	+12½	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£284½	-175	...	2.1	...
81	48	First Nat Fin	78	...	...	...	...
1535	876	Fuji Bank Y	1555	+19	...	0.3	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	422	...	21.5	6.4	11.2
671½	490	HSBC	650	...	18.0	3.6	15.8
651	474	HSBC HK	640	+3	19.0	3.7	15.3
356	243	Hambros	340	...	14.0	5.1	15.7
363	313	Joseph (L)	260	...	18.6	6.0	∞
155	96	King Shaxson	134	-1	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	403	...	16.0	5.0	14.0
584	492	Lloyds	568	+3	18.4	4.0	16.2
87	68	Lon Scot Bk	80	...	3.0	4.7	15.9
465	322	Nat Aust Bk	460	-3	...	4.4	16.0
498	398	Nat West	492	+5	17.5	4.4	29.9
397	270	Provident	371	+3	11.4	3.8	16.1
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
292	207	Ryl Bk Scot	287	+2	8.8	3.8	...
987½	467½	Schroders	953	...	...	1.4	19.0
804	576	Stand Chart	804	+4	20.0	3.1	...
198	145½	TSB	196	+½	6.4	4.1	...
150	78	Union Disc	145	...	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	734	+16	...	3.2	18.3
256	185	-do- 6% 'A'	253	+2	...	3.0	...
7850	4967½	Wells Fargo	7675	+100	...	1.4	...
183	121	Westpac	183	+1	...	4.1	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	537	+1	...	4.9	14.5
647	441	Bass	460	+11	18.9	5.1	10.0
299	189	Boddington	275	-2	7.3	3.3	16.0
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	406	+1	9.0	2.8	18.7
159	129	Burtonwood Brw	140	...	4.7	4.4	∞
372	261	Devenish (JA)	363	...	7.8	2.7	20.5
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'♦	99†	...	...	4.1	26.2
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	52	-½	...	5.2	7.2
400	338	Fullr Sm 'A'♦	398	...	7.4	2.4	...
480	383	Grand Met	415	+7	12.5	3.7	13.5
427	354	Greenalls Grp	353	+1	11.7	4.1	11.8
563	505	Greene King	541	+7	12.3	2.9	∞
516	440	Guinness	467	+2	...	3.2	16.6
281	230	Hardy Hansn	273†	...	7.9	3.6	15.2
125	105	Heavitree♦	105	...	3.0	3.7	25.0
95	78	-do- 'A' LV♦	82	...	3.0	4.7	19.5
342	255	Highland Dist	338	-3	6.0	2.2	22.5
3138	2538	Holt J	3125	...	41.0	1.6	20.4
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56#	...	...	...	40.3
323	290	Invrgordn Dist	274	...	7.0	3.2	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	167	-1	0.9	0.7	37.5
465	375	Macdn Martin 'A'	383	...	...	2.9	18.3
855	655	Mansfield	793†	-2	15.4	2.4	∞
277	231	Minton Thmp	277†	+5	5.4	2.4	∞
418	329½	Matthew Clark	415	-2	...	5.2	∞
300	253	Mrrydwn W	285	...	...	2.7	20.6
545	455	Morland	539	...	8.4	1.9	21.5
12	6½	Paramount♦	8	-½	...	2.1	34.2
165	145	Regent Inns	164	...	...	3.4	16.4
950	753	SA Breweries	881	-4	...	3.1	14.6
482½	408	Scot & New	462	+7	...	4.2	13.8
225	181	Taunton Cider	223	+3	8.0	3.6	∞
248	213	Vaux Group	237	...	9.3	4.9	16.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	286	...	...	2.1	23.1
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	479	+4½	...	4.6	12.0
1180	850	-do- 'B'	998	...	...	2.2	25.0
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	485	-3	12.4	2.9	13.6
515	473	Young 'A'	485	...	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton♦	21	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen♦	118†	...	...	5.3	26.7
99	65	Amec	85	-2	3.0	4.4	13.7
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
217	155	Ashtead♦	217	+2	4.1	2.4	26.9
142	108	Atwoods	115	...	5.0	5.4	16.6
240	180	BPB Ind	215†	+1	...	4.4	37.0
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	3.1	5.2	25.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	92	-1	1.2	1.7	16.7
158	94	Barratt Dev	145	...	2.0	1.7	16.1
412	305	Bellway	389	-5	...	1.9	22.5
26	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	285½	Berkeley Gp	401	-1	4.0	1.9	...
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	56	-1	1.0	2.2	61.6
265	189	Blue Circle	242	+1	...	5.6	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	277	...	5.9	2.7	25.2
166	78	Bovedon PLC	92	...	4.6	6.2	22.2
121	82	Br Dredging	118	...	8.2	5.5	28.2
83	45	Brit Fittings	76	...	1.5	2.5	...
151	99	Bryant	133	-1	4.8	4.5	28.5
81	33	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	272	+1	...	3.4	17.3
43	21	Cakebread Rby	23	...	...	...	...
46	23	Cosain	41	...	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	136	-1	...	3.8	35.5
70	38	Crest Nicholson	62	+1	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	93	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton♦	2½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	15	-½	0.5	4.2	...
260	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	21.5
51	32	Erith	49	...	1.3	0.9	...
380	252	Eve Group♦	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	45	-1	2.0	5.8	21.1
6½	3½	Explaura♦	...	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp♦	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	39	...	4.3	...	13.7
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	58	-2	...	...	...
889	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hawden-Stuart	120	+1	...	3.4	22.1
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	1.2	3.5	∞
298	186	Heywd Wim	295	+3	12.5	5.3	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	95	+1½	2.5	3.3	...
35	27	Bow Gp	27	...	...	6.9	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.5	...
75	39	Ibstock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	...	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	266	...	9.0	4.2	10.6
83	55	Ln Clydesdale♦	79	...	4.5	7.1	29.7
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19½	...	...	...	8.9
320	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	19.3
143	99	Marley	137	+3	4.2	3.8	40.2
95	61	Marshalls	85	...	...	6.1	56.4
175	122	Maunders (J)	166	...	4.9	3.7	15.2
214	96	McAlpine (A)	194	+6	6.5	4.2	33.6
40	23	McCarthy & S	29	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	351	...	...	3.6	38.1
4	4	Miskin Gp♦	4#	...	...	...	...
129	62	Monitem (I)	105	+1½	4.0	4.8	...
86	51	NSM	75	...	...	...	...
53	43	Needler♦	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	149	...	...	6.7	19.5
300	197	Persimmon	268	...	8.6	4.0	27.3
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1635	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	115	-3	3.4	3.7	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti♦	4	...	...	...	...
780	555	RMC Gp	730	+3	...	3.3	30.5
117	75½	Raine Ind	81	...	6.0	9.3	13.5
36	20	Ransom♦	22	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	460	+1	25.0	6.7	27.3
79	64	Rothl	79	...	4.3	6.8	11.6
296	207	Rugby Group	251	-1	6.4	3.2	19.2
42	23	Sveic-Rvea	41	-1	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	19.5
177	86½	Sheffield Insl	175	...	...	3.9	42.9
123	82	Sheriff Hldgs♦	123†	...	...	2.8	18.3
95	66	Shoreco♦	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	197	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	2½	Starmin	2½	...	0.3	15.0	∞
142	103	Tarmac	131½	-½	3.5	5.2	...
194	137	Tay Homes	165	...	5.8	4.4	10.5
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	100	+5	1.0	1.2	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	605	...	33.0	6.8	∞
39	19	Torex Hires	37	...	...	1.4	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	218	-5	8.0	4.6	28.4
40	30	Try Group	32	-1	1.0	3.9	9.1
28	26	Tudor♦	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	65	...	2.5	4.9	22.9
65	20	Ward Hldgs	49	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	31	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
26	8	Wescol♦	24	-2	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	133	...	5.0	4.7	20.8
12	4½	West Scaffolds♦	8½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9#	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	397	-1	8.7	2.7	27.2
205	147	Wilson (C)	150	-3	3.9	3.1	27.5
187	104	Wimpey G	159	+2	...	4.1	...
47	25	YRM	37	...	4.0	...	4.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	603	-10	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	200	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	58	Air London♦	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	173	+2	...	1.8	31.0
118	84	BET Ord	115½	...	...	3.5	4.6
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
318	258	BPP	293	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
285	230	Barbour Index	230	...	7.2	3.9	17.1
22	15	Boustead	20	...	0.7	4.4	...
265	184	Bris Data Mgt	265	...	...	1.9	22.1
21	11	Broadcastle♦	21	...	...	...	10.7
73	54	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	102	...	2.4	2.9	11.7
178	139½	Capita Group	176	...	...	1.5	27.5
45	31	Cattist Plc	42½	-½	...	2.4	16.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50	-1	...	...	...
51	26	Chiswick	48	...	...	...	...
320	228	Chubb Sec	308	+1	...	1.8	30.6
96	18	Comeca	76	-1	...	2.5	19.0
10	6½	Corp Services	9	+1	...	...	...
52	20	Coans Costng	49	...	...	...	...
92	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	4.7	11.8
231	198	Davis Service	217	...	...	4.6	16.3
104	85	EW Facts♦	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	26	...	0.6	...	17.9
246	215	Hays	232	...	4.6	2.4	23.2
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	213†	...	...	3.9	15.5
70	40	Holmes Protectn	40	...	...	...	2.6
190	127	Hutch Whamp	178	+1	...	2.7	∞
1975	995	ISS B DKr	1862½	-88½	...	5.7	2.4
637	532	Inchcape	542	+1	...	3.2	18.8
863	669	Johnson Clean	838	...	25.7	3.8	18.3
12	2½	Lep	9	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mole Gp	223	...	2.7	1.5	18.4
1187	893	Manpower	996	...	...	...	...
50	40½	Michael Page	50	...	1.8	4.5	21.2
279	192	Pennant	193	...	...	4.5	7.2
4½	2	Prime People♦	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Prestbury Alex	100	+2	...	15.0	5.5
423	358	RCO	403	...	12.6	4.9	12.1
118	101	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	99	...	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Sec♦	135	...	...	4.2	13.6
236	170	Rentokil	198	+2	3.3	1.5	24.7
282	240	Rolfe & Nolan	280	...	...	3.2	15.8
390	342	Salvesen (C)	353†	-3	...	2.8	19.4
35	27	Scott Pickford♦	27	...	...	3.8	∞
343	164	Securiguard	339†	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select Appts	6	...	...	...	...
990	695	Serco Gp	990	...	14.0	1.8	27.4
352	238	Sherwd Comp♦	225	...	...	3.7	∞
130	90	Stratchley	94	...	...	4.0	21.5
383	310	Warner Howrd	316	...	6.5	2.6	16.5
45	27	Welpac	34	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	23½	-1	...	0.5	31.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	232†	...	...	2.3	20.1
838	613	Amersham	836	+4	...	2.0	28.9
7	2½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9682½	-87½	...	3.3	...
283	199	BTP	268†	-2	...	4.3	18.5
£110	£101½	Bayer DM50	£113¾	-30	...	4.6	...
178	134	Blagden	149	...	9.5	8.0	16.1
165	93	Brent Chems	101	...	...	9.2	9.3
530	368	Br Bio-Tech	375	...	...	...	...
29	13½	Caird Gp	13½	...	...	12.3	37.5
153	126	Camping (W)	150	...	7.2	7.0	14.0
608	504	Courtaulds	526	...	...	3.3	19.0
285	228	Croda	269	...	...	3.3	19.1
149	121	Doeflex	139	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
219	175	Ellis & Everard	209	...	7.0	4.3	∞
33½	15½	Euro Colour	28	-3	0.8	3.4	17.5
300	259	Halstead (J)	300	+1	...	2.5	15.0
241	194	Hickson	223	+5	...	4.5	20.7
£114¾	8850	Hoechst	£105	-11½	...	3.3	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	203	-1	...	2.3	18.7
710	608	ICI	645	+5	...	5.3	...
668	581	Laporte	611	-2	19.5	4.0	16.9
223	181	Leigh	194	-1	7.8	5.2	∞
87½	35	MTM	45	+4	...	...	...
1730	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1737½	+12½	...	1.7	24.7
450	370	Paterson Zoch	447	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
286	228	Plysu	235	+3	...	1.8	15.2
242	173	Porvair	242	...	3.6	1.9	26.9
12½	7	Sutcliffe Speak	11½†	...	...	...	...
475	418	Wardle Storeys	422	...	16.0	4.7	17.0
490	395	Wolstnhme R	473	...	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	353	Yorks Chem	368	...	...	2.6	19.7
306	240	Yule Catto	251	...	3.9	2.9	15.3
637	609	Zeneca	618	+2	...	5.6	36.5

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	61	Alexon	69	-4	...	5.8	...
87	42	Amber Day	68	...	3.1	5.7	18.6
319½	257	Argos Plc	307	+4	...	2.9	26.2
25	12	Ashley Group	16	...	...	4.4	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	108	...	...	0.1	...
305	228	Asprey	282	-3	5.1	2.2	30.0
136	94	Austin Reed	122	...	...	2.6	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	...	5.3	14.2
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
228	208	Betterware	265	-6	...	1.0	31.5
35	22	Blacks Leis	32	...	2.2	9.2	∞
227	133	Body Shop	207	+9	...	1.0	26.7
15½	11½	Brown & Jackson	13	...	...	0.8	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	380	...	...	2.5	22.3
89½	64½	Burton	82½	+½	...	3.0	...
145	126	Castors	142	...	...	2.4	18.9
380	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
185	97	Clinton Cards	140	...	4.2	3.8	16.9
248	212	Coats Viyella	230	-1	...	3.9	27.1
112	78	Colourvision♦	110	-1	5.6	6.5	∞
462	334	Courts Furnish	461	...	3.5	1.0	∞
155	115	Crown Eyes♦	137	...	...	5.5	8.4
120	89	Dairy Farm Intl	116	-1	...	2.9	18.4
78½	51½	Dewhirst (I)	76½	-1	1.9	1.6	24.8
281	189	Dixons Grp	192	-1	...	4.1	...
413	330	Dunhill	374	-2	8.1	2.7	14.5
31	12½	EBA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	510	...	16.0	4.0	17.1
120	71	Essex Furn	130	+4	...	2.6	22.0
251	203	Etam	250	...	6.9	3.4	22.0
587	499	Fine Art Dev	587	+6	12.7	2.7	19.2
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
94	24	French Conn♦	94	+1	...	...	...
65	43	Gent SR	56	...	2.0	4.5	16.4
59	23	Goldsmiths Gp	56†	...	0.3	0.7	...
3200	2400	GUS	3200	+25	40.0	1.6	25.5
1784	1363	-do- 'A'	1753	+15	40.0	2.8	14.0
40	31	Hampden Grp♦	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
227	30	Hamstone	44	...	...	...	...
25½	20	Helene Plc	21½	-½	2.8	8.0	...
60	29	Heritage♦	35	...	2.0	11.7	10.2
64	35	Honeysuckle♦	61	...	...	2.0	8.6
108	63	Jacques Vert	100	+13	3.0	3.8	∞
619	496	Kingfisher	585	-4	...	2.9	19.2
74	62½	Ladle Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	630	...	7.2	1.4	74.2
320	265	Lloyds Chem	267	...	5.5	2.6	10.5
152	120	MFI	126	-2½	...	3.8	26.0
365	311	Marks Spencer	334	+4½	...	3.0	18.3
507	445	Menzies (John)	496	-3	...	2.8	12.1
220	135	Moss Bros	220	+2	5.5	3.1	25.8
178½	139½	Next	165½	+1½	2.5	1.9	19.5
40	15	Oliver (G)	37	...	...	...	...
270	197	Ockhame Ind	268	...	...	4.6	...
63	45	Pentos	47	...	1.5	4.0	9.8
313	255	QS Hldgs	305	...	5.1	2.1	21.7
41½	11	Ramaro Group	32½	+½	...	...	...
35	20½	Ridalo Grp♦	31	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	136	-11	...	2.4	12.3
108	93	Sears	95½	...	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	435	+3	13.6	3.0	15.3
15	4½	Specialeyes♦	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	191†	...	...	3.3	24.6
191	148	T & S Stores	161	...	5.8	4.6	12.0
138	71	Tie Rack	131	+2	1.0	1.0	21.4
230	180	Time Products	226	-1	7.5	4.3	18.6
110	83	Usher (Franklin)	95	...	...	0.6	7.5
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
50	34	Wensum♦	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	114	+2	...	...	50.6
78	45	Wld of Leather♦	72	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale♦	186	...	...	2.7	24.9
4	2½	Xtra-vision♦	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	167	...	...	4.0	15.7
240	223	Acale	233	...	...	3.4	∞
162½	38	Acorn Compu♦	91	...	...	...	46.1
480	385	Admiral	442	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
158	10½	Alba	138	...	...	4.5	16.8
48	19½	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	31	-½	0.4	...	...
128	70	App Holds♦	70	...	...	...	...
27	13	Arlen	27	...	...	...	...
69½	35½	Astec	67	...	...	...	1.0
293	250	Beales Hunter	260	...	9.2	4.4	13.7
9	3½	Beaner & Found	5½	...	...	...	...
403½	319	BICC	401	...	19.2	6.0	27.2
575	450	Bick	490	-3	9.2	2.6	17.5
1700	1150	Borland♦	1400	...	...	...	...
339	274	Bowthorpe	330	...	6.3	2.4	21.5
445½	376	BT	410½	-2½	...	4.9	18.9
11	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.3	...
160	110	Burnfield	143	-4	5.7	5.0	22.6
786	669	Cable Wireless	763	...	...	2.3	24.2
21½	11½	Chloride	18½	+½	...	...	...
258	220	CML Micro	250	-1	...	2.3	∞
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	156	-6½	...	1.2	15.6
381	243	Critchley	380	...	...	2.0	∞
119	86	Dale	99	...	5.1	6.4	9.6
548	434	Delta	518	...	...	3.4	21.3
375	305	Demmons Ele	337†	...	...	2.3	14.4
620	419	Domino	426	...	7.2	2.1	14.5
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Dracks	990	...	...	1.2	24.1
414	358	Electrocomps	413	...	...	2.4	16.6
590	470	El Data Trc	578†	-2	5.1	1.1	15.8
95	43	Electron House	94	+4	2.6	3.5	∞
30½	10½	Emess	25	...	0.1	0.5	...
598	462	Eurotherm	584	-4	8.0	1.8	28.5
147	108	FKI	138	+5	3.0	2.7	∞
426	340	Farnell Elect	421	+1	...	1.8	22.3
65	33	Feedback♦	64†	+2	...	2.9	8.3
18	9½	Ferranti	11½	...	...	...	...
211	101	First Tech	211	...	...	...	...
296	81	Forward Gp♦	285	+3	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
343	264	GEC	319½	-½	...	4.1	16.0
182	132	Gossy	164	+1	...	8.3	34.5
11½	7½	Graystone	8½	...	...	...	...
75	36	Hitlcare	36	...	...	1.2	11.2
169	83	INSTEM♦	135	-3	...	2.5	11.1
388	330	Jones Stroud	380	+2	8.0	2.6	16.5
11	8	Kenbray	17	...	0.1	1.2	∞
323	260	Kenwood App	300	-3	5.8	2.5	∞
236	47	Kewill Sys♦	197	...	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	179	...	...	...	...
55	16	Laser-Scan♦	45	...	...	...	...
365	122	LINX	251	-14	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
170	135	Life Sciences	142	-1	3.5	3.1	15.4
269	164	Logica	248	...	3.6	1.8	29.3
54	44	LPA Inds♦	45†	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	182	+15	4.3	3.0	17.4
683	523	Macro 4	665	...	...	2.4	22.3
630	527	Memtec	578	...	...	1.9	18.0
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1820	...	...	...	16.8
227	159	Microgen	160	...	7.2	5.7	10.7
34½	23½	Microvitec♦	25½	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	498	...	6.1	1.5	22.7
364	98	Mitel	347	-8	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compu♦	121	...	...	3.6	15.4
36	16	Molynx	34	-½	1.3	4.8	∞
272	202	MTL Instr♦	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	122	Muirhead Elec	130	...	3.0	2.9	15.9
175	116	Murray Elec	175	...	1.8	1.3	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6112½	-75	...	...	...
188	138	Neoparts	138	...	2.6	2.4	17.3
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
142	58	Norbain♦	142	+1	...	0.9	21.3
75	20	Northamber	58	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	-½	...	...	7.5
265	195	Oxford Inst	260	...	4.5	2.2	17.7
83	48	P-E Internl	73	...	1.0	1.7	...
81½	38	P & P	71	-1	1.4	2.5	37.3
80	55	Peak	70	...	3.4	6.1	18.3
190	115	Pegasus♦	167	...	...	4.8	42.9
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1112½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1100	-12½	...	...	...
294	211	Phonelink♦	245	...	...	...	...
470	343	Pilko	470	...	7.7	2.1	30.8
450	303	-do- 'A' Voting	450	...	7.7	2.2	38.1
96	63	Plasmec♦	70	...	...	6.7	5.0
104	76	Pressac	103	+1	2.4	2.9	20.8
135	96	Psion♦	100	...	...	3.1	26.6
229	160	Racal Elect	227	+3	4.2	2.4	12.9
70	45	Radamec	70	...	...	2.7	15.0
70	43	Radius♦	60	...	...	5.6	20.7
92	61	Real Time 'a'	72	...	...	5.4	∞
35	18	Rivas	31	-2	...	...	39.3
629	488	Sage Gp	497	...	9.0	2.3	15.9
342	222	Sanderson Elec	310	...	9.0	3.6	13.2
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
155	117	Scholes Grp	148	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
371	270	Sema Gp	371	...	2.8	0.9	30.1
39	25	Silverstone	30	...	...	4.6	∞
50	37	Soundtracks♦	47	...	...	6.0	15.5
2512½	1737½	TDK	2437½	+46½	...	1.2	∞
27	4½	TDS Circuits♦	10	...	...	...	...
151	80	Telemetrix	137	...	0.8	0.7	22.6
925	809	THORN EMI	905	+7	...	4.5	18.4
111	96	Thorpe FW	102	...	2.5	3.1	10.5
103	66	Total Systems♦	67†	...	3.0	5.6	∞
445	372	Tunstall	435	...	6.0	1.7	17.4
256	164	Unitech	244	...	5.8	3.0	42.7
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
38	24	Vistec	30†	...	...	...	...
471	307	Vodafone	459	-2	...	2.0	19.9
441	366	Volex	429	...	17.8	5.3	17.1
36	11	Westarn Selectn	34	...	...	...	...
255	228	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	474	-3	...	5.3	8.6
505	399	Eastern Elect	496	-5	...	5.0	9.6
356	304	Hydro-Elect	339½	-3½	...	4.2	12.0
501	404	London Elect	489	+1	...	5.0	8.6
559	458	Manweb	544	-7	...	5.0	7.6
514	424½	Midlands Elec	514	+2	...	4.9	9.1
554	440	Northern Elec	539	-5	...	5.1	7.6
544	439	Norweb	523	-8	...	4.9	7.9
337	285	Scottish Power	317	-2	...	4.5	11.5
535	436	Seeboard	525†	-2	...	4.7	8.5
571	469	Sth Wales	559	-2	...	5.1	9.1
532	426	Sth Western	508	-1	...	5.1	7.6
506	406	Southern Elec	499	-3	...	5.1	8.9
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	537	-1	...	4.9	9.7
372	273	National Powr	358	-4	...	3.7	10.9
392	273	PowerGen	381	-3	...	3.4	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50	...	8.5	...	31.9
105	47	BWD♦	102	-4	...	3.9	15.9
90	26	Baltic Plc	89	...	...	1.4	...
492	413	Caledonia	479†	...	...	3.9	17.8
1980	1075	Camellia	1400	-25	...	1.1	5.2
288	263	Candover	284	...	10.2	4.5	20.1
110	71	Flextech♦	108	...	...	0.6	...
303	156	Govett	276	...	...	5.5	8.6
153	125	Ivory Sime	152	...	...	6.2	∞
6½	3	LIT	3½	-½	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	...
225	154	Lon Forfaiting♦	212	-2	8.4	5.3	15.0
61	47	Maladin	61	...	...	...	...
12	3½	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	1.9	2.4	...
282	246	Rathbone Bro	282	...	6.0	2.7	17.1
23½	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
380	283	S & U	280	...	10.0	4.5	∞
70	48	Singer & Fried	67	...	2.6	4.9	...
975	738	Sotheby's	863	+25	...	4.4	...
135	83	SIP Capital	135	+1	3.0	2.8	53.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2162½	1487½	Amer Express	2125†	+31½	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	895	+2	...	5.9	20.6
143	92	Invesco	143	+1	3.0	2.6	∞
230	164	Jardine Strat	212	-7	...	3.4	10.4
214	154	MAI	214	+1½	8.0	3.5	15.6
539	389	MAM	539	+3	15.0	3.5	13.5
829	693	M & G	828	+4	...	3.2	22.0
285	115	Smith New Ct	268	-1	...	2.2	3.6
81	55	Tate Hldgs	72†	...	...	5.2	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	470	-2	14.0	3.8	10.6
77½	53	ASDA Group	62½	...	...	3.3	14.3
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	250	+1	6.5	3.3	14.4
76	55	Albert Fisher	63	...	3.7	7.4	10.5
402	297	Argyll	310	-1	...	4.4	11.5
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	123	+4	8.0	8.1	∞
230	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	2.3	5.0	18.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	361	-4	6.5	2.5	18.1
85	57	Bensons Crisps	74	-1	...	4.8	16.6
141	112½	Berisford Intl	150	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	406	-1	...	8.7	41.8
52	35	Borthwick	48½	...	...	3.1	60.2
505	430	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	44	...	1.0	2.9	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	468	-2	...	3.7	16.6
107	78	Carrs Milling	107	...	3.9	4.6	21.4
196	163	Cranswick	163†	-6	...	6.1	13.2
22	8½	Cullens	17½	...	0.5	3.7	∞
384	168	Dalepak	191	-2	8.0	4.0	∞
491	424	Dalgety	455	+2	19.5	3.4	13.2
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
200	192	Devro	192	-1	...	3.6	18.3
134	99	Everest	99	-3	...	4.4	13.7
300	289	Farepak♦	303	+10	...	2.4	∞
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	103	...	...	1.5	17.0
483	328	Geest	369	-12	8.1	2.7	16.6
12	7	Global♦	9	...	...	6.9	14.0
45	43	Grand Central	44†	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	196	...	...	4.2	11.1
171	131	Hillsdown	142	...	...	7.7	11.2
250	205½	Iceland Group	225	...	...	1.9	20.1
131	108	JLI Group	108†	...	...	...	...
851	680	Kwik Save	692	-1	16.0	2.9	13.5
262	183	Low (Wm)	183	-1	8.4	5.7	8.9
58	41	Matthews (B)	57	...	2.2	4.9	37.3
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17	...	1.1	8.5	33.3
174	131	Morrison (W)	140	...	...	0.7	18.2
568	443	Nichols (JN)	533	-10	13.6	3.2	15.4
250	242	Nurdin Foods	255	+4	...	4.1	12.7
22	13	Nthmbrn Fns	16	+1	...	...	6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	213	...	6.1	9.6	∞
250	205	Park Foods	232	...	6.0	3.1	∞
115	83	Perkins Food	88	-1	...	6.4	9.3
99½	47	PizzaExpress	79	...	...	0.5	45.4
9	1½	Regina Hlth♦	5½	...	...	...	...
504	431	Sainsbury J	436	+2	...	2.9	15.3
68	33	Searcy Farms♦	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
225	105	Sims Food	124	...	7.5	7.8	...
439	357	Tate & Lyle	390	+5	12.0	3.8	12.3
273	201	Tesco	207	+4	...	4.3	9.6
211	123	Thorntons	142	...	3.6	3.2	13.2
183	103	Treats♦	163	...	...	2.2	18.5
375	300	Unigate	350	...	...	5.8	11.5
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	367	-1	...	5.2	19.0
25	20	Usborne	20	...	0.6	2.5	12.3
337	248	Watson & Phil	298	...	13.3	5.6	15.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Abrdn Stk Ho♦	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	84	+1	1.5	2.3	20.3
231	170	Forte	221½	...	...	4.2	17.4
209	155	Friendly Hotels	209	+6	5.7	3.4	29.8
8½	5	Harmony Leis♦	7½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	110½	...	...	5.5	13.0
215	154	Ladbroke	186	-2	11.1	7.5	15.9
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	68	...	...	4.6	18.2
99	44	Queens Moat	47¼#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85#	...	7.5	11.0	...
2	½	Regal Hotels♦	...	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	41½	-½	3.4	10.4	8.1
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	6.1	...
852	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	845	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	51	-1	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	105	AAF Inds	114	...	...	9.6	7.0
616	478	AAH	488†	...	...	4.5	15.6
175	140	AIM	175	+1	6.5	4.6	10.9
132	88	APV	98	-2	...	7.0	...
233	81	ASW	200	...	...	4.4	...
176	126	Adwest	176	...	7.0	5.0	25.0
23	10	Aerospace Eng	23	...	1.0	...	14.0
518	434	Airsprung	481	...	9.0	2.3	∞
147	113	Alexdra W	143	...	3.8	3.3	39.5
13½	7	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	43†	...	1.0	2.9	8.8
475	345	Amber Ind	475†	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	19	Amberley Gp♦	38	-5	...	3.4	...
107	88	Anagen	90	...	...	...	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	...	4.9	∞
893	703	Antofagasta	788	+5	...	2.5	14.6
50½	37	Armour	46	+½	1.4	4.0	13.5
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	...	6.4	5.2	15.6
5½	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.8	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	541½	...	...	4.2	19.5
235	168	Assoc Nursing	218	...	...	0.6	∞
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	164	+2	...	5.7	13.9
65	28	BLP Group♦	63	...	...	...	...
23	13	BM Gp	17	-½	5.0	...	0.7
770	650	BOC	654	-2	23.2	4.4	16.4
79½	62	BSG	67	...	...	6.0	23.3
487	393	BSS Group	420	...	...	5.0	25.7
380	318	BTR	361	-1	...	3.7	20.6
221	170	BWI	170	...	0.7	4.9	16.4
41½	31	Babcock	35½	...	2.1	7.4	∞
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	251	...	...	...	...
1082½	556½	Barlow Rand	643½	-18½	...	5.4	3.6
83	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	3.9	25.0
15	5	Beaufort	8½	...	...	...	...
8½	6½	Beckman♦	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)♦	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	16½	...	0.1	0.7	13.5
707	461	Bespak	528	-2	10.0	2.4	∞
153	75	Bibby (J)	77	+1	9.7	...	4.5
312	129	Billam (J)	263	...	5.0	2.4	13.3
41	21½	Bilston Battersea♦	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	0.6	...	...
162	126	Birkby	162†	...	...	2.9	∞
45	32	Black Arrow	42	...	2.1	6.3	10.0
1½	½	Black & Edgtn♦	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	177	-2	2.9	2.1	18.2
323	129	Bluebird Toys♦	309	-3	...	1.8	19.3
289½	247	Bodycote	278	...	...	2.2	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	26	...	0.3	1.7	∞
563	419	Boots	422	...	...	4.0	15.7
61	42	Booth Inds	48	-1	0.7	1.8	...
517	435½	Bowater	483	-8	11.5	3.2	17.9
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1409†	+20	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Inds♦	243	...	...	1.9	18.2
19	12½	Brasway	15½	...	0.5	4.7	20.0
268	204	Brammer	250	...	13.0	6.5	22.6
30	12	Bridgend Gp	20†	+2	0.4	2.5	...
119	64	Bridon	103	...	...	4.9	72.9
73	53	Bridport-Gndry	73	+1	6.1	7.0	13.7
42	31	Brierley Inv	40½	-1	...	7.8	9.9
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock♦	54	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	513	...	...	2.4	18.4
106	54	Br Steel	98½	-3	...	1.3	...
130	100	Br Syphon	125	...	3.0	3.0	35.0
17	11½	Br Thornton	14½	...	...	2.2	...
268	215	Br Vita	234	+1	7.1	4.0	13.8
15	6½	Britton Grp	14¼	...	0.1	0.2	...
730	535	Broken Hill	667	-2	...	2.7	31.6
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	104	...	4.4	5.4	∞
10	6½	Brooke Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	54	-1	...	...	...
120	91	Bullough	120	...	6.0	6.3	20.5
26	13	Business Tech♦	14	...	...	...	∞
25	17	CI Group	20	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
23	14	Campbell & Arm	14	...	2.0	...	...
7	6½	Cannon St	2½	...	...	...	...
243	205	Cape	238	-1	...	3.5	16.1
245	178	Carclo Eng	245	+1	8.6	4.4	17.2
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2453	+15	...	2.6	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros♦	71	...	...	4.3	11.3
198	158	Castings	191	-3	4.3	2.8	∞
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	8.4
707	605	Charter Cons.	652	+3	...	4.3	11.8
295	220	Chemring	280	+2	...	3.6	16.9
92	47	Chieftain Gp♦	49	...	5.1	13.0	10.5
35	17	Chillington	30	...	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christie Int	186	+1	...	1.0	...
81	34	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90	...	...	...	...
7	5	Co Designers♦	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	370	Cohen (A)	320	...	6.8	2.7	...
223	170	Community H	190	+1	6.5	4.3	11.8
346	186½	Concentric	216	...	...	3.6	18.2
209	120	Cook (Wm)	198	...	5.0	3.2	∞
220	182	Cookson	217	+3	...	3.6	27.9
63	38	Copymore♦	63	...	...	2.0	∞
238	145	Crowd Hr 'A'	145½	-½	5.7	4.9	12.4
178	111	Cosalt	111	-2	10.7	...	16.6
224	150	Creighton Nt♦	170	...	...	5.5	∞
48	27	CrestaCare	43	...	0.5	1.5	37.2
3631½	2997½	Dana	3600†	+25	...	...	...
905	314	Danka Bs Sys	875	+10	4.5	0.6	∞
16	5	Davies (DY)♦	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	642	-2	...	3.3	17.0
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21	...	0.0	5.7	16.7
513	391	Diploma	498	...	9.7	2.5	25.7
77	50	Dobson Park	72	...	3.7	...	13.0
102	82	Dyson (J&J)	107	-1	5.0	5.8	15.4
73	57	-do- 'A'	73	+1	5.0	8.6	10.5
10½	8	EFG♦	13	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	395	...	...	3.9	15.6
15½	9½	ERT Grp♦	9½#	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	21	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1790	Electrolux 'B'	1850	-46½	...	3.0	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	423†	-7	...	5.9	23.3
2975	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2975	...	...	1.0	...
91	27	Erskine Hse	91	...	...	3.2	9.2
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	1.6	...	17.7
87	47	Expamet	74	-2	3.2	5.5	∞
668	499	Fairey Group	467	...	10.2	1.9	20.6
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
60	32	Ferraris Group	60	...	...	2.1	14.1
1½	¼	Ferromet♦	1	...	...	...	...
29	21	Ferrum	27	...	2.5	11.6	18.9
51	28	Fife Indmar	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
251	147	Fisons	176	-1	...	6.2	20.4
53	28	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	11.8	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	∞
76	56	French (Thomas)	72	...	3.6	6.3	36.1
228	166½	Frost Group	209	...	4.0	2.5	8.4
85	71	GEI Intl	74†	...	...	8.3	...
480	424	GKN	452	-1	...	5.7	30.1
52	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.4	...
160	108	Gestetner	111	...	8.2	9.4	4.8
36	23	Gleves	26	...	...	...	18.8
801	544	Glaxo	556	+1	17.0	3.8	15.3
28½	16	Glenchewton	27½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	296	-1	11.6	4.9	27.9
100	66	Goode Durrant	91	-4	5.4	7.4	19.5
134	102	Grampian Hld	126	...	5.5	5.5	21.9
427	341	Granada	410	+3	7.7	2.4	21.7
407	301	Great Sthrn♦	395	...	...	3.5	16.2
96	78	Green (Ernest)♦	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
15½	8½	Greenacre♦	14	-½	...	2.5	13.0
17	8	Guardian Grp♦	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	54	...	...	4.6	19.5
83	44	Hadleigh Inds♦	78	...	...	0.8	...
236	115	Hall Eng	227	-1	8.6	4.8	19.0
358	215	Halma	250†	...	2.6	1.3	∞
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	...	2.3	...	10.8
269½	222	Hanson	237	+½	...	6.0	12.1
221	187	Harris (Philip)	211†	...	6.8	4.1	∞
187	147	Harrison Crsfld	182	-1	9.0	6.2	26.3
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	35	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
394	301	Hepworth	356	+4	14.8	5.2	15.3
228	160	Hewden (J)	211	...	3.0	1.8	16.5
35	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
152	112½	Hill & Smith	147	-5	...	4.8	20.5
10½	6½	Hobson♦	10	...	...	...	...
129	87	Holders Tech♦	128	...	...	5.9	16.7
49	30	Hopkinsons	43½	...	1.3	3.7	18.0
187	133	Hornby♦	133	...	...	8.5	12.6
13½	6	Hospital Cp	7½	...	...	13.3	2.0
82	54½	Howden	76	...	2.2	3.7	∞
233	173	Hunting	226	+2	...	5.6	18.9
430	269½	Hunting Tech♦	408	+3	...	1.8	∞
295	247	IMI	272	-2	...	4.6	23.2
112	90	ISA Intl	111	...	1.5	1.7	17.3
205	174	Intercare Gp♦	174	-1	...	1.9	18.3
255	235	Isotron	243	...	3.9	2.0	15.6
538	360	Jardine Math	495	-6	...	2.8	18.1
537	425	Johnson Math	455	-1	...	2.4	18.7
64	51	Johnson & FB	51½	...	3.0	7.3	15.9
177	104	Johnston	158	-1	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	22	-1	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
68½	26	Kalamazoo	67½	-½	2.1	4.0	...
178	73	Kalon	157	...	...	2.5	21.8
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	535	...	22.0	6.3	27.8
168	75	Kleeneze	162	...	...	...	...
143	61	LGW♦	141	...	3.0	2.7	11.7
308	264	Laird	299	+3	...	4.4	14.7
185	105	Lee (Arthur)	185	...	...	4.0	78.6
153	110	Lilleshall	150	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
153	97	Lincat♦	142	...	...	4.5	12.3
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse♦	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	118	...	3.7	4.0	18.2
213	130	Linton Park	203	...	14.0	8.6	∞
15½	10½	Lionheart	13½	...	0.2	1.9	...
20	15	Locker (T) A	19½	...	1.0	6.4	∞
274	173	Lon Ind	186†	+2	9.4	6.4	∞
135	70	Lonrho	131	-3	...	3.9	...
347	269	Low & Bonar	343	-3	...	3.3	42.6
343	266	MB-Caradon	280	...	...	3.9	21.7
169½	133	-do- pf	141	...	7.2	6.4	...
30	14½	ML Hldgs	28½	-½	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	41	...	2.5	7.9	∞
50	39	MY Holdings	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
190	168	Macfarlane	189	...	...	2.1	21.4
439	379	McKechnie	432	...	14.7	4.3	21.4
105	85	McLeod Russel	88	+1	6.0	8.5	10.7
10½	3½	Maddox	3½	...	...	...	20.5
86	63	Magnolia	85	...	0.1	0.1	13.7
106	71	Mang Bronze	94	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	20½	Marling	20½	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn♦	166	...	...	3.8	13.8
54	29	Mayflower	52	...	...	3.0	43.4
236	191½	Medeva	226	...	...	1.2	18.3
113	88	Meggitt	100	...	...	4.7	17.0
118	98	Metalrax	110	+1	...	4.1	17.8
76	55	Metsec♦	76	...	...	...	...
78	29	Midsomer	78	-1	...	1.2	10.8
33	14	Mining & Aid	23½	...	0.5	2.7	...
488	368	Molins	461	...	...	3.8	12.0
345	262	Morgan Crble	280	+1	...	5.4	15.6
160	134	Morris Ashby♦	160	...	...	4.3	∞
31	18	Neepsend	22	...	0.7	4.4	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	49	...	3.1	8.0	11.7
187	122	Nobo Gp	187	+8	3.5	2.3	22.9
167	122½	Norcros	150	+1	...	5.8	21.0
51	35	Novo Group	47½	-½	1.3	3.5	∞
413	310	Nu-Swift	330	...	...	...	∞
53	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	30½	-½	1.7	7.4	...
140	123	PCT♦	125	+1	...	7.3	14.2
48	38	Pacer Systems♦	38	...	...	9.6	...
138	105	Pentland	105	-1	...	3.0	14.3
385	310	Photo-Me	373	...	4.4	1.5	19.0
137	97½	Pilkington	130	+1	...	3.8	...
79	68	Plantbrook	68	...	3.0	5.5	10.7
154	126	Polypipe	136	-1	1.9	1.8	19.6
42	19	Porter Chadbn	40	...	1.2	3.9	...
9	5½	Porth Gp♦	7½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	339	-1	...	2.4	17.6
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	-½	0.7	5.3	8.9
54	33½	RPS Group♦	51	...	...	5.4	11.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramus Oil♦	136	+3	...	0.9	45.5
799	606	Rank Org	759	-4	31.0	5.1	20.8
33	23	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Coln	571	+6	...	3.5	20.7
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	194	...	4.9	3.2	23.3
303	225	Renishaw	275	...	6.5	3.0	21.0
76	53	Renold	76†	+1	1.0	1.6	∞
1428	1240	Reuters	1400	+6	21.2	1.9	23.1
38	24½	Rexmore	37½	...	1.7	5.8	9.2
123	91	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.8	34.3
68	48	Richard (Leics)	66	-1	4.4	8.3	...
83	68	Richardson West	78	...	3.0	4.8	20.0
128	109	Ropner	118	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	28	Ross Gp	30	...	0.6	2.7	12.3
171	131½	Rotork	165	...	...	2.8	21.8
168	100	Rubicon	166†	...	...	3.3	∞
65	52	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
29	15	SEP Indl	26	...	...	3.7	23.5
937½	625	SKF 'B'	937½	-62½	...	...	...
45	39	Saville Gordn (J)	44½	...	2.2	6.2	17.6
248	208	Scapa	217½	-½	...	3.2	16.6
238	192	Scholl	212	-2	...	3.7	15.4
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	-½	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	963	...	2.6	0.3	36.6
668	562	-do- 'A'	645	-1	2.6	0.5	24.5
548	465	Security Serv	545	...	5.0	1.2	26.9
111	77	Senior Eng	108½	+1½	...	3.6	18.2
361	306	Seton Health	320	-1	...	2.3	18.9
68	43	Sheldon Jones♦	63	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	128	-1	2.9	2.8	13.8
361	295	SidLaw	353	+1	10.0	3.9	15.0
501	427	Siebe	483	+1	...	2.6	17.7
330	220	Silentnight	320	...	...	3.0	19.3
124	102	Sime Darby	110	...	...	3.8	13.5
142	32	Simon Eng	40	...	5.0	15.6	9.2
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	194	...	7.0	4.5	12.5
47	36	Six Hundred	37	...	2.0	5.9	∞
164	140½	Smith & Neph	142½	+1	...	4.1	19.1
513	389	SmithKline	424	...	8.6	2.5	15.3
450	340	SmithKline Eq	374	...	...	3.5	13.5
394	320	Smiths Ind	367	...	11.2	3.8	15.0
140	65	Spear Bar	65†	...	3.3	6.5	6.1
410	365	Spandex	402	-1	...	2.0	12.9
480	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
382	334	Spirax-Sarco	343	+1	...	3.4	21.7
165	44	Spring Ram	55	+1	...	0.8	15.1
270	222	Staveley	237	-2	...	4.5	13.4
162	126	Sterling Ind	149	-4	...	4.7	22.8
26	11	Stonehill	24½	+½	...	...	...
168	97	Suter	168	...	8.8	6.5	17.6
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	337	-5	...	2.6	∞
7	5	Sycamore	...	...	...	...	...
78	55	Sykes-Pick	62	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	272†	...	9.4	4.3	∞
353	270	TI	340	-2	...	3.9	18.8
23	12	TLS Range♦	16	...	...	2.0	...
308	218	TT Group	295	...	6.0	2.6	17.4
249	220	Tace	240	...	1.8	0.9	19.9
823	618	Takeda Chem	814	-3	...	0.5	21.6
50	24	Tex Hldgs	50	+1	...	...	...
109	70	Thrsley (D)♦	109	...	...	6.0	12.7
225	150	Tilbury	202	...	...	2.2	17.6
271	212½	Tomkins	219	+6½	...	3.7	19.4
110½	67	Trafalgar H	101	-1	...	4.0	7.4
110	65½	-do- 'A'	101	-1	...	4.0	7.4
579	346	Transfer Tech	539	...	16.0	3.8	13.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	174	-4	7.0	5.2	∞
253	220	Unichem	238	...	5.6	3.0	15.6
335	275½	Unigate	325	...	...	6.4	10.0
71	11½	Unigroup	57	-1	...	...	...
1249	977	Unilever	977	-25	21.3	2.7	13.3
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	6962½	-37½	...	3.1	10.1
868	513	VSEL	854	...	...	4.2	9.1
9½	6½	Vesco	...	...	...	...	...
154	95½	Vickers	149	...	...	1.3	...
367	241	Victaulic	253	...	...	3.9	12.3
382	283	Vinten	382	+1	...	2.3	17.8
604	427	Vosper Thorny	576	+4	...	3.4	13.9
46	41	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.9	12.0
468	368	Wagon Ind	384	-1	17.3	5.8	∞
86	71	Walker Greenbk	79	...	3.1	4.9	20.2
258	201	Wassall	238	-2	2.5	1.3	24.0
39½	22	Watford Wdgwd	34	...	...	...	...
337½	291	Weir	319	-1	...	2.3	18.0
993	645	Wellcome	652	-3	13.0	2.5	18.0
23	21	Wellman	21½	...	0.9	5.2	∞
300	280	West Hillmane	297	+1	...	1.6	19.1
510	460	Whatman	505	...	9.5	2.4	17.1
353	267	Whessoe	354	...	...	3.0	13.0
61	27	Whitecroft	59	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7#	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	88	...	3.5	5.0	25.7
365	295½	Williams Hdg	318	+1	12.5	4.9	16.6
31½	17	Wilshaw	30½	...	0.5	2.1	∞
661	533	Wolseley	612	...	12.5	2.6	21.2
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	38	-5	1.0	3.3	∞
59	38	Young (H)	57	+1	3.0	6.6	20.9

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1987½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1837½	...	...	3.4	...
2225	1787½	Am Gen	2087½	...	...	3.3	...
47	30	Archer (AR)	39†	...	4.4	...	19.0
148	118	Bradstock	138	-1	5.1	4.7	16.8
498	359½	Britannic	488	...	...	3.0	...
641	556	Com Union	615	-11	...	4.9	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1563	-7	...	1.4	25.8
30	18	FAI	30	...	...	...	...
628	546	Gen Accident	622	+9	26.7	5.4	...
202	160	GRE	202	+5	7.0	4.3	16.8
370	293	Heath C E	352	-1	...	5.7	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	215	...	8.1	4.7	19.5
218	164	JIB Group	209	...	7.5	4.5	21.2
500	408½	Legal & Gen	500	+13	...	4.8	30.4
1026	768	Liberty Life	950	-15	...	3.1	16.5
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	437	-2	17.3	4.9	15.7
321	253	Lloyd Thomp	315	...	5.6	2.2	23.2
368	224	Londn & Man	343	+9	14.2	5.2	25.3
407	321	Lowndes Lmb	405	...	13.5	4.3	∞
6743½	5800	Marsh McLn	5837½#	-6½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	84	...	...	7.4	∞
68	50½	PWS	64	...	4.0	7.8	9.3
344	282½	Prudential	339	+4	...	4.4	22.5
1138	800	Refuge	1028	...	31.5	3.8	28.5
321	248	Royal	319	+2	...	2.5	...
202	153	Sedgwick	194	+1	6.0	3.9	23.4
261	205	Steel Burrill	253	+3	...	6.5	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.3
376	307	Sun Alliance	373	-1	14.2	4.8	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	57	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	284	+5	12.0	5.3	26.3
773	499	Utd Friendly	704	...	14.5	2.6	30.7
234	171	Willis Corroon	218	...	...	3.8	46.8
20	13½	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

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1708	1548	Alliance	1672	+1	45.0	3.4	36.6
260	224½	Amer Trust	242	+3	4.9	2.5	50.2
363	304	Ang & O'seas	350	+4	6.8	2.4	45.6
139½	124	BZW Conv	135½#	-2	7.8	7.2	15.9
163	135½	Bankers	161½	...	3.4	2.7	44.1
298	264	Baring Tribne	284	...	6.4	2.8	44.0
175	131	Berry Starq	174	...	2.2	1.6	56.6
106½	96½	Br Assets	101	+½	...	5.3	24.7
74	57½	Br Empire Sec	73½	...	0.8	1.5	74.6
24	14	-do- Wnts	24	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.3	∞
164	130	Contl Asset	164	+4	2.4	1.8	54.6
195	144	Derby Inc	153	...	16.6	13.6	9.2
260	195	-do- Cap	250	...	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	64	...	8.4	16.4	7.1
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	70	...	1.2	2.1	...
120	84	-do- Far East	117	...	0.6	0.7	...
122	95	-do- Korea	120	...	0.5	0.5	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	586	-2	25.4	5.4	27.0
611	513	-do- Wwde	608	+2	9.5	2.0	62.6
270	222	Dundee & Lon	267†	+2	...	4.2	24.6
51	42	EFM Inc Tst	43	...	4.8	14.2	∞
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	53½	...	...	...	...
275	250½	Edinburgh	272	-1	8.4	3.9	39.8
261	187	Electra Inv	258†	-1	6.7	3.2	35.2
170	141	Electric Gen	168	...	3.1	2.3	∞
99	85	English Scot	98	...	...	...	...
257	205	European Asset	257	+3	...	2.9	31.3
106	77	Finsbury 'A'	106	...	3.0	3.5	34.1
230	248	Fleming Amer	230	+2	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	201	...	...	3.3	39.6
271	212	Do Contl	267	+1	2.7	1.3	...
185	147	-do- Emrg	182	...	4.5	3.1	40.9
301	213	-do- F East	291	+2	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	300	-½	3.0	1.3	...
118	99½	-do- Hi Inc	96	...	...	5.7	16.4
231	136	-do- Japan	225	+4	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	260	...	6.7	3.2	55.6
255	212	-do- O'seas	255	+1	4.0	2.0	60.0
233	203	Foreign & Col	231	+1	3.3	1.8	62.0
210	164	-do- Eurost	192	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	106	+1	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	276	+3	1.9	0.9	...
150½	116	-do- Smaller	150	+½	1.8	1.5	∞
233	145	GT Japan	221	+3	...	0.6	...
139	65	Genl Cons Cap	131	...	...	...	...
127½	96½	-do- Inc	110	...	...	9.6	11.4
145	119	Govett Am Smlr	127	...	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	272	...	0.9	0.4	...
260	207	-do- Strategy	253	-1	...	3.3	34.9
373	340	Greenfriar	371	+3	6.3	2.1	55.7
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
134	124	Inv Cap	130½	...	5.1	4.9	20.2
95	77	IBS UK Smlr	95	...	2.8	3.7	26.5
183	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	176	...	5.0	3.6	34.3
208	176	-do- O'seas	207	...	1.3	2.0	58.8
127	108	-do- Smlr	124	...	4.0	4.0	30.1
607	540	Law Debenture	604	-1	18.2	3.8	30.2
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.9
249	221	Merchants	238	...	10.6	5.6	21.9
5793½	3700	Merrill Lynch	5793½	+43½	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	433†	+1	...	1.9	54.9
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	121	...	...	4.8	24.0
37	23	Do Warrants	35	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	...
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	309	...	...	4.3	29.4
319	265	-do- Intl	298	...	11.4	4.8	26.9
324	263	-do- Small	323	+1	4.0	1.6	69.6
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
101	73	-do- S/C Cap	101	+1	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	144½	+½	...	...	...
220	230	-do- Vent	269	...	...	4.8	21.2
78	56½	New Frontier	76½	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nwthrog Inc	78	...	6.7	11.1	14.3
301	249	O'seas Inv Tst	297	...	2.8	1.2	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	369	...	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	271	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	48.7
151	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	151	...	1.1	1.0	...
123	108	River & Merc	112	...	9.2	10.3	11.2
398	350	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	340	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
250	214	St Andrew Inv	250	...	7.5	3.8	33.6
149½	131	Scot American	145½	+½	4.3	3.7	30.8
209	136	Scot Asian	198	...	...	...	...
435	325	do Warrants	415	...	...	...	...
73	67½	-do- Eastern	71½	-½	1.5	2.7	47.0
205	183	Scottish	203	...	4.6	2.8	42.1
201	178	-do- Mrge	193	-½	4.0	2.6	50.1
84	71	-do- Value	84	...	...	2.7	59.8
1505	1390	Second Alliance	1480	-2	36.5	3.1	39.8
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	82	...	3.2	5.0	27.1
137	109½	Selective Asset	136	...	1.2	1.1	48.9
25	14	Sphere Inv	25	+1	3.1	16.0	7.8
145	112	TR Far East	139	+½	4.5	4.0	30.5
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	139	...	4.7	4.3	29.2
154	110	TR Pacific	142	...	0.3	0.3	...
26½	17	TR Property	26	...	0.0	4.3	27.3
69	47	TR Tech Inv	68	+1	1.7	3.3	∞
182	146	TR Smlr Cos	178	...	3.7	2.6	52.1
315	283	Temple Bar	307	...	13.2	5.4	23.2
91	69	Themis Asian E	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
72	54	Throgmorton	70	...	2.3	4.1	28.6
463	383	Throg Dual Cp	463	...	...	...	...
205	178	USDC Invest	205	...	4.5	2.7	37.7
104	70½	Value Inc Tst	103	...	3.6	4.4	25.0
608	542	Whitbread Inv	593	...	16.5	3.5	35.7
199	181	Witan	193	...	5.6	3.6	33.8

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
346	269	Airtours	339†	-1	7.2	2.7	12.0
64	42	Ald Leis	64	...	4.7	...	18.4
357	194	Anglia TV	318	-2	...	3.6	14.7
103	63	Baldwin	63	...	3.0	0.0	8.6
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	219	...	10.0	5.7	14.1
1200	950	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
155	90	Border TV♦	143	...	...	2.9	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	8½	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	-½	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	113	...	...	13.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	185	+1	5.2	3.6	21.3
818	718	Carlton Comm	762	-5	17.0	2.8	22.3
300	158	Castle Comm♦	178	...	...	6.0	16.3
2080	1615	Central TV	1968	-10	38.0	2.4	21.4
83	61	Chrysalis	69	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	504	...	...	...	...
350	179	Eurocamp	183†	...	9.7	6.7	7.6
1180	623	Euro Disney	638	-17	...	1.9	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
51	18	Ex-Lands	30	+1	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	268	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	320	First Leisure	334	...	6.1	2.3	23.0
515	298	GWR Gp♦	505†	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	224	-1	6.1	3.4	∞
6	4½	Greenwich Comm♦	5	...	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	55	...	...	...	34.4
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	43	...	...	5.8	...
12½	5½	Kunick	9½	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	454	-4	...	1.4	21.0
432	327	Man Utd	424	...	18.0	5.3	14.6
148	60	Owners Abrd	72½	...	3.5	6.2	5.7
66	33	The Pelican Gp	65	...	...	2.2	∞
140	55	Prism Leisure♦	140	-15	...	2.4	16.0
28	16	Quadrant Grp	27	+1	...	...	...
318	274	Radio Clyde♦	280	+3	...	3.8	21.9
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	166	...	...	3.4	22.0
353	431	Scot TV	526	...	9.9	2.4	25.8
60	37	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
225	168	Stanley Leisure	221	-3	...	2.4	18.7
10	5½	Sunleigh♦	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.8	∞
2½	1	Ticketing♦	2½	-½	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	98	...	...	...	3.2
78	44	Trans World♦	58	...	...	1.7	21.2
481	274	Ulster TV	404	-2	10.0	2.7	14.2
22	13½	Wembley	16	...	0.2	1.6	...
36	7½	Whitegate	33	...	...	...	...
215	110	Yorkshire TV	196	...	12.0	7.7	5.9
115	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	11.4

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5300	1800	Am Gold	5000	-34½	...	4.2	34.1
1562½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1562½	+6½	...	5.9	∞
2150	1125	Ang Am	2050	...	...	3.4	∞
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res♦	25½	-1	...	...	...
125	33	Blyvoors	111	-4	...	5.5	6.1
48	18	Bracken	39	-4	...	...	2.3
871	233	Buffels	763	-4	...	5.1	14.0
2½	1	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	634	-7	...	3.3	∞
43½	11	Cluff Res	39	-½	...	...	...
1262½	762½	De Beers	1187½	-37½	...	4.0	16.1
157	37½	Deelkraal	144	+5	...	4.2	7.9
96	7	Doornfontein	70	+1	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	843	-30	...	4.0	15.5
709	120	Durban	671	-24	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	176	-9	...	6.5	5.0
180	62	E Dagga	164	-2	...	...	13.8
270	54	E Rand Prop	243	-11	...	...	...
532	117	Elandsrand	516	+8	...	2.3	12.1
838	282	FS Cons	784	-21	...	6.5	9.4
50	8	FS Dev	50	...	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1563	-43	...	2.6	34.6
174	125	Gencor	170	-3	...	5.8	13.2
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	60½	-2½	...	2.3	14.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	171	-2	...	6.0	10.2
380	78	Harmony	332	+13	...	...	...
414	87	Hartebees	362	-18	...	5.4	∞
14	8½	Inoco♦	12	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	1006	...	...	...	22.7
13½	6	Kenmare Res♦	9	...	...	...	...
960	332	Kinross	922	-10	...	5.5	10.1
913	319	Kloof	838	-35	...	2.1	14.1
135	25	Leslie	119	-2	...	3.5	12.0
168	13	Loraine	158	-1	...	...	...
116½	81½	MIM	95	-1½	...	2.4	43.3
1155	820	Minorco	1134	-13	...	3.3	13.4
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	136½	+½	...	3.6	∞
2150	610	Orange Free	2000	-71½	...	6.5	15.3
709	607	RTZ	680	+1	...	3.8	25.6
606½	425	Rand Mines	606½	...	...	9.7	2.7
629	150	Randfontein	587	-27	...	5.1	∞
192	115	Renison	174	+2	...	2.6	16.9
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1200	...	...	3.8	18.7
535	191	St Helena	524	-10	...	4.6	10.8
1825	475	Southvaal	1752	-52	...	3.3	30.3
109	18	Stilfontein	101	-4	...	6.2	17.6
201	58	Unisel	166	-5	...	1.9	16.1
5287½	1800	Vaal Reefs	4950	-75	...	4.5	8.5
555	154	Welkom	520	-14	...	6.5	15.4
285	25	Western Areas	265	-9	...	2.7	∞
2437½	587½	Western Deep	2175	-87½	...	2.9	10.0
274	176	Wstrn Mining	220	-4	...	...	...
939	323	Winkels	922	-10	...	1.1	7.5
84	56	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	66	...	...	1.1	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
253	233	Abbey Panels	253	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118	...	3.0	3.2	11.4
133	82	Appleyard	132	...	5.2	4.9	...
280	203	Blackley Mtr	265	...	...	4.2	13.5
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	427	+7	7.0	2.0	...
328	303	Cafyns	328	...	11.5	4.4	66.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	9	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr♦	140	...	...	3.6	35.6
28	18	Cook (DC)♦	25	...	...	...	...
255	156	Cowie (T)	242	...	6.2	3.2	18.4
110	86	Dag Motors	104	...	5.7	6.9	18.8
142	102½	Davrgnt Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	250†	...	3.0	1.0	...
127	92	European Mtr	127	+1	3.5	3.5	∞
329	308	Evans Halshaw	326	...	11.2	4.3	50.2
290	226	FR Group	262	...	...	3.4	12.2
3650	2847½	Ford Motor	3393¾#	-131½	...	...	...
3212½	2143½	General Mtr	3162½	-50	...	1.6	...
65	38	Gowrings	64	...	2.0	3.9	...
193	85	Henlys	187	...	3.0	2.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	827	-13	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	99	Kwik-Fit	143	...	...	2.9	25.5
395	281	Lex Service	385	...	...	3.4	21.0
154	85	Lookers	154	+2	6.2	5.1	...
152	126	Lucas	149	+1	7.0	5.9	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.3	20.8
178	106	Perry Gp	180	...	6.0	3.9	...
166	108	Quicks Group	163	...	...	3.5	20.8
153	99	Rolls-Royce	144	+1½	...	4.3	...
198	164	T & N	187	...	...	7.3	30.0
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	189	+1	...	3.7	∞
151	125	Vardy (Reg)	150	...	4.2	3.6	∞
230	121	Westland	230	...	4.2	2.3	20.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	140	+2	4.0	3.6	14.9
340	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	∞
608	423	Blenheim Gp	445	...	...	2.5	16.6
370	275	Bristol	344	-1	...	4.3	31.0
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9900	...	13.0	1.6	22.3
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9900	...	13.0	1.6	22.3
305	251	Dorling Kind	297	-1	...	1.3	28.4
373	328	EMAP	352	-3	...	2.8	21.7
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1083	-20	28.5	3.5	29.7
237	170	Harrington K	214	...	4.5	2.6	17.5
378	330	Haynes Pub	378	...	8.0	2.0	16.3
355	347	Hodder H'line	349	...	5.0	1.6	29.7
140	105	Home Counts	115	...	6.0	6.5	∞
12½	3	Ind Bus Comm	10½	...	...	...	15.2
9	6½	Int Cm & Data♦	8	...	...	...	...
350	340	Independent	350	...	...	3.6	15.7
551	395	Johnston Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
288	243	Metal Bulletin	284	...	8.0	3.5	20.1
167	88	Mirror Gp	151	-2	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	367	-3	...	0.3	24.7
240	169	News Intl	216	+1	...	0.6	15.0
465	354	Pearson	460	-5	...	3.3	28.0
675	510	Portsmth Sund	650	...	...	1.8	17.9
686	618	Reed Intl	665	-7	...	3.2	20.0
148	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.8	26.8
159	80	Sterling Pub♦	150	...	...	2.4	17.2
401	328	Telegraph	393	-2	...	3.5	16.5
825	715	Thomson Corp	805	-10	25.4	4.0	∞
377	313	Trinity Intl	373	...	8.7	2.9	22.4
39	34	Unit Group♦	36	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	521†	-14	...	5.2	15.4

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35½	17	Aran Energy	30	-½	...	...	29.2
61	40	Arcon Intl♦	44	...	...	...	...
69	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	61	-1½	...	...	...
73	25	Aviva Pet	73	+1	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
183	143	Br Borneo	164	...	7.1	5.4	5.0
320	226	British Gas	291	-1½	14.2	6.1	14.1
326	225	Br Petroleum	299	...	10.5	4.4	47.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	713	+7	...	4.4	18.6
65	30	Cairn Energy	50	+1	...	...	8.4
268	223	Calor Gp	238	...	...	6.3	18.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	47	-1	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	29	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas♦	20	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	447	+2	16.0	4.5	55.2
88	47	Exp Co Louis	49	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	22	-1	...	2.3	8.4
67	45	Goal Pet	58	-1	1.4	3.0	11.1
44	18	Gt Western Res	43	...	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	145†	+2	...	0.9	13.5
46	18½	Kelt Energy	42	-1	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	150	-3	3.3	2.8	30.4
108	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	13	Mid Sect Res♦	14	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	43½	+½	...	...	70.5
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
35	27	Oil Search	31	-1	...	...	...
14½	11½	Petroz	12½	...	...	...	...
126	99	Pict Pet	125	...	...	...	17.4
29½	18	Premier	24½	...	...	...	9.0
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
393	290	Ranger	335	+5	...	4.8	...
6850	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	6100	-12½	...	5.3	14.3
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4275	...	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
637½	515	Shell	616	-1	21.9	4.4	18.9
203	170	Sunrise Eng Sv	170	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo♦	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.4
13½	6½	Villiers Grp	12½	-½	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	152	-3½	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	313	-2	7.5	3.0	27.3
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	168	-1	...	4.8	16.5
514	408	Abbott Mead	514	+1	9.3	2.3	26.6
1½	½	Acsis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	31	-1	...	5.5	...
212	155	Aspen Comms♦	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Designs♦	13	...	...	...	...
391	294½	Bemrose	370	...	...	4.0	15.1
33	12	Birkdale	15	...	0.2	1.7	12.7
138	118	Bunzl	128	-1	4.0	3.9	19.3
287	257	CIA Gp	279	...	...	1.9	17.6
222	93	Capital Inds	221	...	...	1.8	21.1
63	44	City of Lon♦	63	...	...	0.9	∞
236	169	Cropper (James)	236	...	3.1	1.7	∞
6	6	Crown Comm♦	6#	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckging	86	-1	1.6	2.4	11.6
137	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	26.4
56	42	Dudley Jenkins♦	54	-1	...	...	13.9
15½	12½	Elswick	12½	...	0.3	2.9	∞
73	41	Fairway Group♦	64	-1	...	8.2	18.0
323	271	Ferguson Intl	312	...	12.5	5.0	∞
108	92	Ferry Pick	108	...	...	6.5	29.1
124	74	Filofax♦	115	...	...	1.4	∞
20	14	Fitch	14	...	...	...	...
107	69	Gibbon Lyons♦	104	+3	...	6.2	∞
295	247	Gold Greenless	280	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	26	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
88	43	Hunterprint	46	-1	...	...	...
185	136	Insereurope	175	...	7.4	5.3	11.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	248	...	...	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	30	...	...	...	...
298	175	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	5.5	35.7
103	48	NMC Group	101	...	2.0	2.5	∞
130	66	Osborne & Little	129	...	...	4.5	14.2
517	455	Portals	458	-1	...	4.0	15.7
266	167	Quarto	260	...	5.3	2.4	15.2
347	299	St Ives Gp	299	-1	5.2	2.2	23.4
185½	142½	Saatchi	163	...	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	453	-21	...	8.1	8.8
20	11½	Serif♦	18½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	28½	...	...	...	...
363	294	Smith David	361	...	9.5	3.3	16.0
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	224	...	...	3.5	13.9
58	45	Somic	58	+2	1.5	3.2	∞
246	183	Sta-Plus	232	-½	8.0	4.3	20.7
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.2
66	38	VTR♦	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	89	-1	...	1.4	3.3
156	62	Wace	144	-4	...	2.0	...
230	203	Waddington (J)	230†	...	...	4.3	17.2
723	540	Watmough	723	...	11.5	2.0	28.4
7	4½	Wesporter♦	6½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck♦	28	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	75	...	...	2.1	16.1

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	73	...	3.5	6.0	63.0
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
90½	52	Asda	85½†	-2½	...	3.1	9.0
139	88	Avonside	131	...	4.0	3.8	18.3
2637½	2062½	BCE♦	2375	-12½	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	582	-1	18.9	4.1	21.0
74	23	Bourne End	69	...	1.0	1.8	...
214	150	Bradford	213	...	5.4	3.2	21.6
23	5	Bredero	5½	...	...	...	...
337	166½	Br Land	337	+4	...	2.6	30.7
206	140½	Brixton	200	...	...	5.2	15.8
72½	42	Burford	67	...	...	2.1	...
156	99	Cap & Regnl♦	153	...	...	0.9	∞
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
375	196	Chesterfield	373	...	11.0	3.7	26.7
33	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
40½	10	Clayform	37†	...	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rhlst GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
1145	818	Daejan	1138	+3	27.0	3.0	∞
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twsn	83	+1	3.0	4.6	∞
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	458	-1	8.6	2.3	57.1
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
252	170	Estates Agency	250	...	3.0	...	22.9
22	7½	Estates Gen	16	...	...	...	...
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	170	...	4.5	3.4	∞
27½	11	Five Oaks	27½	...	...	...	...
59	30	Fletcher King	59†	+1	1.0	2.1	∞
422½	276½	Frogmore	379†	...	...	4.9	22.0
200	97	Grainger	195†	...	5.2	3.4	43.6
199	116½	Gr Portland	173†	+1	...	7.2	10.6
26½	7½	Greycoat	17½	...	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	138	...	...	4.7	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	60	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	334	...	10.0	3.7	33.8
663	245	-do- 'A'	305	+7	10.0	4.1	30.9
236	127	Helical Bar	236	...	4.3	...	...
31	19	Hemingway	30	-1	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	66	...	3.7	7.1	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
601	435	Land Sec	586	+4	22.8	4.9	17.7
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	92	...	3.8	5.2	14.6
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
442½	315½	MEPC	434	+7	...	5.8	18.7
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	110	...	6.7	...	18.1
7½	3	Markheath	7	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Medvale Mre	40	-3	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	39	...	...	...	...
1200	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	∞
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	144	...	5.9	5.1	20.2
46	30	Olives Prop	35	...	1.5	5.4	...
10½	4	Osprey Est	4	...	0.1	...	1.2
131	88	PSIT	122	...	3.7	3.8	24.3
236	138	Peel	234	-2	4.0	2.2	∞
16	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
41	22	Property Trust	30	+1	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	15½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
37	16	St Modwen Prp	32½	...	0.6	2.3	24.8
70	39	Savills	55	-1	1.0	2.3	∞
78	34	Scot Met	71†	...	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	∞
224	139½	Slough Estates	218	-1	...	4.6	15.2
91	56	Southend Prop	67	...	4.1	7.8	33.8
28	16	Stanhope Prps♦	23	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	174	...	2.1	1.5	61.5
116	79	Town Centre	108	+1	3.1	3.6	20.2
72	43	Trafford Park	69	...	2.5	4.7	18.6
66	28	UK Land	30	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	216	...	10.5	6.1	19.7
202	168	Warnford	193	...	7.5	5.0	∞
8	2½	Watergate	3	...	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	62	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John D♦	65	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic♦	16	...	...	...	...
157	86	Headlam	153	...	...	2.1	33.7
500	330	Lambert	345	-10	13.0	4.7	8.4
100	57	Pinards	58	...	2.0	4.3	16.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
170	89	Stylo	170	...	...	2.2	63.9
55	53	UK Safety	53	...	...	23.8	1.7

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
500	408	Allied Text	499	+1	12.6	3.2	16.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
165	141	Br Mohair	162	...	8.5	6.6	∞
53	15	Chartwell♦	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	324	-3	7.2	2.8	20.2
601	522	Courtauld Tex	539	-2	13.6	3.2	14.8
53½	24½	Cupid♦	29	...	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	205	-1	...	5.5	15.6
33	22	Drummond	32	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	30	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel♦	69†	+1	...	8.9	∞
34	15	Foster (John)	18	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	∞
188	156	Hicking Pntcst	185†	...	4.0	2.7	∞
59	45	Jerome (S)	54	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	345	...	12.0	4.3	22.8
506	353½	Leeds	475	...	...	1.9	22.9
42	15	Lister	34†	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	87	-7	4.9	7.0	9.9
180	89	Magellan	160	...	1.4	1.1	...
155	69	Parkland 'A'	155	...	2.0	1.6	...
102½	82	Readicut	92½	...	...	4.6	17.4
53	35	SEET	40	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	71	...	1.8	3.3	∞
51	37	Stoddard	30†	-1	...	4.8	36.3
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	+3	11.5	4.8	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
209½	126	Yorklyde	197†	...	...	3.3	12.9

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	416	+6	...	5.6	15.6
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	662†	-1½	11.5	2.2	13.1

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	340	Assoc Br Ports	404	+4	...	2.6	...
813	707	BAA	717	+8	...	2.8	18.8
313	249	Br Airways	304	+6	...	4.4	16.6
106	56	Clarkson (H)	80	+1	1.5	2.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	403	+4	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	0.8	∞
196	147	Isle Steam	196	...	...	5.1	10.3
34	26	Jacobs (JI)	29	-1	0.5	2.2	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	82†	...	...	1.5	16.0
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2150	...	6.5	0.3	11.7
349	280	Mersey Docks	341	+1	7.5	2.7	21.8
216	181	Natl Express	216	...	...	4.1	15.5
284	238	NFC	244	...	6.5	3.4	18.4
302	244	Ocean Group	285	-1	...	6.3	23.7
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
648	504	P & O Dfd	620	+6	...	0.1	33.6
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	151	...	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	540	+3	...	5.2	20.9
141	117	Seacon♦	141	...	...	4.5	8.9
159	112	Stagecoach	138	...	...	3.5	17.3
43	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
59½	31½	TNT	59½	+½	...	...	...
705	626	Tibbet & Britn	690	...	11.8	2.1	26.6
393	173	Tiphook	386	+12	17.3	7.6	5.7
208	227	TDG	235	...	9.5	5.1	...

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	490	-1	...	5.5	9.7
652	547	Northumbrian	573	+5	...	4.9	6.1
533	431½	North West	478	...	...	5.6	8.5
533	439	Severn Trent	478	+1	...	5.5	7.0
554	454	Sthrn Water	490	-1	...	5.4	7.8
1375	1225	Sth Staffs	1375	-25	47.0	4.3	∞
569	465	South West	519	...	...	5.7	8.5
563	454	Thames Water	490	...	...	5.4	9.6
612	506	Welsh Water	560	-6	21.4	4.8	6.5
649	536	Wessex Water	580	-4	...	4.6	9.1
593	473½	Yorkshire W	497	+7	...	5.3	8.5

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100¼	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.74
108	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	102	-	13.37	3.64
102	101½	Treas 8¼% 1994	101½†	...	8.36	5.58
109½	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105	-	13.75	5.57
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	-	12.73	5.57
108	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	-	9.63	5.64
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.64	5.69
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	-	8.64	5.72
111	108½	Treas 12% 1995	108	-	11.02	5.82
96½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96½	...	3.11	4.98
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	-	9.49	5.95
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114½	-	11.16	6.12
120½	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.88	6.27
125½	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	-	12.45	6.37
120	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117½	-	11.26	6.37
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	110½	-	9.06	6.49
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120½	-	11.01	6.67
112½	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112½	-	9.36	6.67
108	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	107½	-	8.15	6.69
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	129	-	11.59	6.95
112½	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	-	8.78	6.86
103½	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	-	7.10	6.73
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	-	6.73	6.75
129½	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	-	11.03	7.29

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	135½	-	11.41	7.13
122½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	120½	-	9.93	7.22
112½	108	Treas 9½% 1999	111	-	8.55	7.04
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	122½	-	9.98	7.20
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	115½	-	9.07	7.15
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	115½	-	8.89	7.22
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	109	-	8.21	7.17
131	125½	Treas 13% 2000	129½	-	10.06	7.55
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	114½	-	8.75	7.51
114	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	+	8.57	7.63
103½	97	Treas 8% 2003	103	-	7.74	7.51
116	109½	Treas 10% 2003	116	-	8.62	7.69
122½	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121	-	9.49	7.78
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74½	-	4.71	6.87
112	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	112½	-	8.44	7.79
113½	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	112	-	8.43	7.83
131½	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131½	-	9.54	8.03
101½	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	101	-	7.88	7.83
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	124½	-	9.42	7.98
105	97	Treas 8½% 2007	105	-	8.06	7.89
139½	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	138	-	9.74	8.04

LONGS (over 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109	101½	Treas 9% 2008	109½	-	8.23	7.93
100½	92	Treas 8% 2009	100	+	7.96	7.96
109	100½	Conv 9% 2011	109½	-	8.22	8.01
109	100	Treas 9% 2012	109	-	8.22	8.02
77	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77	-	7.08	7.76
97	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	97	-	7.98	8.04
99	93	Treas 8% 2013	99½	-	8.03	8.04
137	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	136½	-	8.78	8.25
107	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	107	-	8.17	8.07

UNDATED

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
43	38½	War Ln 3½%	42	+	8.16	...
31	27	Treas 2½%	31	+	7.98	...

INDEX-LINKED

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134½	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134½	+	...	1.12
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	+	2.00	2.78
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	...	2.34	2.93
167	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167	+	2.82	3.15
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163	+	2.97	3.25
111	105½	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	111	+	3.05	3.32
170	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	170½	+	3.10	3.31
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154½	+	3.25	3.44
160	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160	+	3.30	3.47
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	131½†	+	3.35	3.51
140	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140	+	3.42	3.57
134	134	Treas IL 2½% 2020	134	-	3.47	3.60
112½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	112	+	3.48	3.60
112	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	112	+	3.47	3.60

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ◊ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

The commercial value of peak-time TV news may have been underestimated, says **Roger Graef**

On screen: Michael Buerk of BBC News (left), Ted Koppel, ABC's anchorman, and Julia Somerville of ITN. News ratings could be needed more than some believe

Cashing in on the news

News divisions keep on delivering audiences at a relatively low cost

At a time when the moral wellbeing of British television is being questioned, it is good to learn that a big international deal has been based on a handshake. That is the basis of the agreement between the BBC and ABC in America to share their news gathering.

No money is changing hands in the BBC-ABC deal. Each can use what they want of the other's output. ABC is stronger in Moscow, the BBC has more depth in Bosnia. It makes sense — and benefits both partners and their viewers in a way that is all too rare these days.

ABC's evolution into one of the world's leading news organisations is encouraging, especially in the light of the farrago over the proposal to shift *News at Ten* to an earlier slot in the evening (which the ITV companies are due to raise all over again at their annual meeting with the Independent Television Commission tomorrow)

Coming as it does from the cauldron of competition, ABC's view of news and current affairs is instructive. Two decades ago, ABC was always third among the big three American networks, behind CBS and NBC, and far downmarket of CBS with its prestigious news division, built by Fred Friendly and Edward R Murrow. Even after their departure, CBS's *Sixty Minutes* maintained its presence as a weekly current affairs milestone that garnered the sort of audiences comedy producers would kill for.

Ironically, as the accountants took over CBS and ultimately decimated its news division, ABC was in the process of expanding its own under Roone Arlidge. Arlidge was given the task and resources to make ABC into a global news power. Fifteen years later, ABC is considered equal to the world's most respected news organisation, the BBC, and its other public service equivalent, NHK in Japan, also a partner in the deal.

ABC now has two weekly current affairs shows in prime time: 8pm and 10pm respectively. Both win their time slot against programmes like *Knots Landing* and *LA Law*. They not only bring prestige to the network, they also make a profit. A third weekly prime time show is to be launched in January.

This perspective sits oddly with ITV's efforts to banish *News at Ten* to the margins of prime time. The debate has been clouded by the programme's supporters, who claim that it is good at attracting the youngish upmarket men beloved of advertisers: in fact it is better at delivering less-desirable downmarket men over 55. Zenith Media, which buys time slots for advertisers, asks, for example why 6.30pm should be thought so bad when 7pm is deemed a good slot for *Channel 4 News*?

A stronger argument used by the champions of *News at Ten* is the editorial case and the need to avoid leaving the evening to the BBC. But there is also a third argument: strangely, in these days of economic reductionism, the programme's supporters may have underestimated the commercial value of *News at Ten* as well as the cost of its replacement.

The main commercial argument for moving the programme is to make room for drama and feature films, to bring in larger and more saleable audiences. This is called "living in the real world" by the slightly defensive apologists for change. Yet the "reality" of supplying high-ratings drama and movies five days a week all year round is that it costs a fortune to produce them. Setting the cost of production against the likely income from the ratings makes the equation much less certain.

It used to be that broadcasters all over the world saw their investment in news as a loss leader, designed for prestige and to keep their franchise. That is no longer the whole story. The cost of mounting a new series such as *Roseanne*, with an expensive star, is massive — and so is the risk.

Bob Murphy, vice-president in charge of ABC News, says: "Networks are interchangeable — their fortunes rise and fall over the years as those gambles succeed and fail. But news divisions keep on delivering reliable audiences at a relatively low cost.

"We've made money for the past two years — and so has NBC News. If it weren't for the Gulf war and the party conventions, we'd have made even more. We see news as an expanding market."

It will be a sad day when news and current affairs coverage is determined by profitability, as many people fear. But it happens that *News at Ten* is also profitable and could be more so if sold more aggressively. As one media executive said: "ITV is run by schedulers who think of ratings, not marketing people who think of revenues minus cost." They have been protected against real competition for so long that they have had no need to do the kind of detailed market analysis common to other media and manufacturing businesses.

Holding on to schedule milestones will become all the more vital with the arrival of more channels. Counting terrestrial, local cable and satellite, there are already 57 channels available to British viewers. ITN could have its own full time news channel like CNN and the BBC's own World Television Service. But then viewers would leave ITV to watch it — so it would need to promote its own news to keep them. Like ABC, it might try a half-hour magazine format at prime time. How about 10pm?

TV: a mission to complain

Lady Howe intends to put the makers of bad-taste programmes on the spot

Is Lady Howe of Aberavon, a 61-year-old Tory "do-gooder" whose favourite programmes include an old situation comedy and the *Open University*, really the most suitable person to decide the precise degree and amount of adultery, incest, murder and foul-mouthing the pubic should be allowed to watch on television?

If she is — something many people in the broadcasting industry doubt — how can she possibly find time to do the job? She has a string of lucrative directorships and membership of countless worthy committees making demands on her "quality time".

A month after becoming chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, which deals with complaints about taste and decency on television and radio, Lady Howe has ready answers for those who doubt her credentials.

With the experience of five years on the juvenile bench in inner London magistrates courts, three years on the parole board and four years on the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on legal aid, moral panic — a current preoccupation of broadcasters and commentators — was on her daily agenda long before many of today's programme-makers were weaned off *Blue Peter*.

Lady Howe: more than a Tory grandee

Having served on inner-city school governing bodies, on advisory committees on both the nursing profession and local government, and attended board meetings of some of the biggest retail companies, she has, arguably, more experience of the lives of most viewers than the heads of BBC1, ITV and Channel 4 put together.

If anyone is left with any doubts about her commitment to her new job, Lady Howe points out that she is "rationalising" what she elegantly refers to as her "portfolio career".

Although she insists that her personal preferences will count less than the results of research into viewer attitudes and programme contents, Lady Howe does hold strong views:

- Pornography: "It's absolutely without worth . . . I can see no point in it anywhere";
- On-screen sex: "I object to unkind sex, where women are portrayed as victims";
- Violence: "Too much violence is surely a bad thing *per se*";
- The dangers of ignoring the family-viewing watershed: "It is a fact that children quite often copy bad things";
- Women: "We need more positive role models".

But what can she actually do at the head of a watchdog body which has no powers to prevent transmission, whose code of practice is not legally binding and whose most common form of punishment is a reprimand in its monthly *Complaints Bulletin*?

An arch politician, Lady Howe believes that the council's power lies in its ability to use media attention and public opinion to exert pressure on broadcasters. "People need nudging and I am here to nudge. Sometimes they need to hear someone banging on about something before they act." She intends to visit the broadcasters. "One question I shall ask is, would you be ashamed if your children watched your programmes?"

Lady Howe is likely to look favourably upon the report published yesterday by the National Consumer Council, recommending that the BSC and the Broadcasting Complaints Commission be replaced with a single, more powerful, complaints body. "It would be a good idea to incorporate the two bodies and expand them into more of a consumer body," she says.

Her greatest task, however, will be to persuade the broadcasters that the council really matters. "There are a lot of wonderful things on television, but not enough emphasis on the positive side of humanity. I will be pushing hard for broadcasters to recognise the need for tremendous self-discipline," she says.

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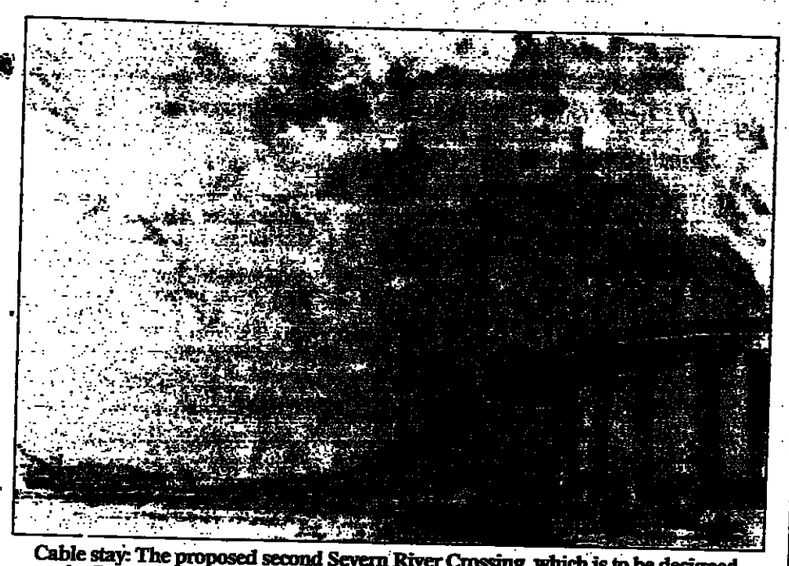


Cable stay: The proposed second Severn River Crossing, which is to be designed by Ronald Weeks. Illustration courtesy of the Percy Thomas Partnership

Around the world the 1990s promised to be a golden decade of bridge building, with British engineers playing a leading role. But in the eyes of critics, led by the Royal Fine Art Commission in a new, scathing publication, Britain is also topping the league for ugly bridges. And the prime culprit is seen as the Department of Transport.

Many motorway bridges have been condemned as ponderous and badly proportioned. The Department is now also under attack, however, for its choice of design for two major Thames crossings: first for the M25 bridge at Dartford; and second for rejecting the spectacular bowstring design for the east London river crossing at Woolwich by Santiago Calatrava.

Last week the RFAC published *Bridge Design*, a report of its big seminar last year. James Sutherland, the engineer on the commission, talks of "bitter regret" at the missed opportunities on the Thames. A further criticism has come from the RFAC for Scotland over the rejection, on grounds of cost, of a fine design for the bridge to Skye by top German engineer Fritz Leonhardt.

The Department is stunned. Over the last three decades it has presided over the building of three of the world's top 12 suspension bridges — first the Humber Bridge, which still boasts the world's largest single span at 1,410 metres, followed by the Forth Road Bridge at 1,006 and the first Severn Bridge at 988m.

Specific criticisms of the Dartford Bridge are that the pylons are too spindly for the piers below, the wind-shielding is clumsy, the cable anchors are crude and no fewer than four different types of concrete pier are used. When Lord St John of Fawsley, the RFAC chairman, described the bridge as "a disaster" in his annual report, this proved too much for Dick Gillespie, the managing director of the crossing. "If a member of my staff were to use emotive terms like this in describing something which is clearly not a calamity, or a sudden or great misfortune, I would feel the need to correct him," he says.

Other engineers have joined the fray. Bill Smyth of Ove Arup says: "The superstructure was the product of one engineer and the piers and foundations of others, so it is not surprising it is a mess. A bridge is *one* thing and it needs *one* mind."

Half a century ago it would have seemed almost impossible to design a graceless road bridge. Arch, cantilever and suspension bridges were a byword for elegant line. The change came first with box girder bridges (concrete slabs on concrete piers) and now with the cable stay bridge. Sutherland says: "These will be the flavour of the Nineties. They're proving cheaper than suspension bridges and getting bigger and bigger." Average spans now range between 100 and 400 metres but the French are building a cable stay bridge at Honfleur, Pont de Normandie, with an 850-metre span.

Ronald Weeks, who is designing the second Severn Crossing, another cable stay bridge, explains the difference. "With a suspension bridge you hoist the cables on to the posts, suspend the hangers from them and attach sections of bridge. With a cable stay you erect the post, or posts, and build out a bit of bridge in each direction."

The big difference visually is that the cables of a suspension bridge follow a gentle curve while the ties of a cable stay are rigidly straight. One basic decision is whether they are parallel or fan out, which they are almost bound to do if the bridge is of any length. The most stunning example to date is Calatrava's Expo Bridge at Seville, where the post is set at an angle creating a silhouette like a giant harp.

> 'Half a century ago, bridges were a byword for elegant line'

The engineers Halcrow's, conscious of the criticisms of Dartford through their involvement with it, have produced a very different and potentially stunning design for the Oresund crossing between Sweden and Denmark. Instead of the usual rugby posts, there is a single post on either side with 120 cables fanning out from each in four lines. These will interweave as you move, creating an effect like a kinetic work of art. (An alternative two-level cable stay design by Ove Arups is also being considered.)

The new transport minister Robert Key has highlighted the lack of a specific way of assessing the aesthetic quality of bridge designs. Here the Swiss engineer, Professor Christian Menn, has an answer. The first criterion, he says, is "the visual expression of the technical efficiency, the slenderness of the structure and the transparency which we can check. Another aspect is order and unity. The third is artistic shaping, which means the visual expression of the flow of force. When we respect these criteria, we do not make big mistakes."

Sutherland emphasises that bridge design is not simply a matter of making calculations and observing government codes. "Real design includes elegance of line and proportion, visual harmony of the component, finishes which look good in all lights." The German designer, Leonhardt, goes further. "Design has nothing to do with mathematics or calculations. It begins in the brain of the engineer as he starts making sketches with his pencil."

One reason why San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge remains the greatest of all is the sheer strength of line. The posts, the decks and even the cables are sturdy enough to register at great distances, whereas the Humber and Bosphorus bridges, for all their breathtaking spans, lack the same power. "On a dull day the cables of the first Severn Bridge can actually disappear, which is quite disturbing," says Weeks.

We have moved far from the time when an 1830s textbook told engineers to design robust structures to give the public confidence, but Anthony Hunt is one British engineer who believes in a certain solidity. "The young crazies in my office will work away to show a tension rod can be reduced from 75 to 50mm. But I have to say it will look bloody awful."

The other abiding beauty of the Golden Gate Bridge is the unity and consistency of the colour of all the parts. Colour is now set to make a comeback in bridge design. Ronald Weeks explains: "Cables have to be protected from the weather and a black polythene sheath stands up best to ultraviolet light, but now it is possible to snap on a brightly coloured outer sheath like pipe insulation."

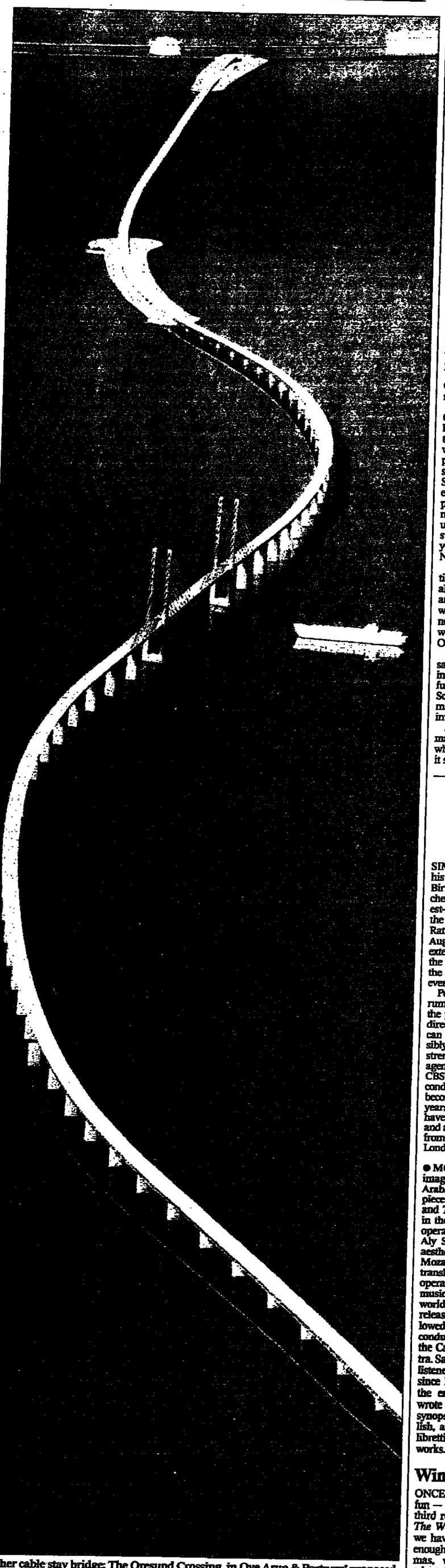
Engineers believe strongly in competition. Calatrava says: "Ninety per cent of our work is won in competition." The engineer Robert Benaim argues that bridges must be considered separately from the very large highway projects that go with them, allowing more specialist designers to be involved."

Now the Department of Transport is to hold what the weekly *New Civil Engineer* calls its "first ever design competition" for a proposed Blackwall Bridge. Phil Bishop, the news editor, says that the decision to abandon the approach road to the east London crossing through Orleas Wood "may also lead to another competition and put Calatrava back on the map".

Architects look set to play a more important role in bridge design, particularly figures such as Sir Norman Foster, Nicholas Grimshaw and Sir Richard Rogers, who already work closely with engineers on design. Grimshaw feels passionately. "Buildings come and go but bridges stay forever. The responsibility to get it right is enormous."

The star of the 1990s is likely to be the Messina Suspension Bridge with a span of 3.3 kilometres linking Calabria and Sicily. The proposed Gibraltar Bridge linking Spain and Africa would have a span of up to five kilometres. The proposed Tokyo Bay mouth crossing would have a two-kilometre span and at Akashi Kaikyo, a 1990-metre span is already under construction.

● Bridge Design, *the Royal Fine Art Commission Seminar, HMSO (£13.50, paperback)*



Another cable stay bridge: The Oresund Crossing, in Ove Arup & Partners' proposed design for the link between Denmark (at the top in this model) and Sweden

TELEVISION REVIEW

A class act but it is only an act

It is the stuff of nightmares. There you might be, innocently sipping a cocktail at a fashionable London party, when Gerald Scarfe approaches with a lady from *The Tatler* and a small camera team, to deconstruct your jewellery and announce your class on the telly. "What do you think?" he asks his companion, looking you up and down. Upon which she lunges for your cheap earrings and lets out a cry of horror.

"I feel quite faint," declares the *Tatler* lady: "These were bought in John Lewis for £4.99. See! She hasn't even removed the price tag!" Everyone gasps and looks at you accusingly. "Say lavatory," she snaps. "Er, toilet," you reply. "Say napkin!" "Um, serviette." Seconds later, you find yourself ejected on the pavement.

The moral of which is clear. Obviously you should have said karzy.

If last night's **Scarfe on Class** (BBC 2) was itself a bit like a nightmare, it was intentionally so. Not because of what it revealed about the politics of contemporary class structures, but because Gerald Scarfe's favourite mode of expression is the visual metaphor (especially of the dreamy mad tea-party variety) and ultimately the images came in such tumbling profusion that you wanted to yell, "No room! No room!"

Someone had only to mention that the aristocracy were akin to thoroughbred horses, and immediately a stable door would crash open amid loud neighing noises, and a groom would issue out a prancing Old Etonian on a leading rein.

Someone else had only to say that you could "tell" breeding the way you can "tell" old furniture, and hey presto, a Scarfe drawing appears of the man himself, transmogrified into a fancy chair.

Scarfe on Class more than made up in entertainment what it lacked in analysis, but it still left you wondering why it had been made. Scarfe claimed to be fascinated by his own ability to transcend class, to stab the aristocracy with his cruel caricaturing nib (scratch-scratch, it went), yet still sup with them on equal terms. But his question about his own snobbery was not answered, hardly even addressed. And in the "Class Handicap" — a puzzling extended horse-race metaphor in which Scarfe rode a real horse against others with names such as "Working Boy" — he *won*, which was presumably significant.

Not so much an essay, then, as a bid for a clip on *Did You See . . ?* or *Pick of the Week*, *Scarfe on Class* was packed with amazing soundbites, most notorious of which will be the extraordinary racetrack interview with three young fogeys in hats and Barbours.

"What do you think of the working class?" asked Scarfe. "They're great," rejoined an aristo youth, fourth runner-up in a Rupert Everett lookalike competition. "They go into their profession or their trade, whatever they want to go into, and they do a brilliant job. The country would not survive without them. Who on earth would, you know, look after our, you know, horses, you know? Who'd look after things like that?"

What I didn't understand was this tiresome business about the milk in the tea — whether it goes in first. "When do you put in the milk?" Scarfe asked all the aristocrats. "Oh after always, never first." But if everyone *knows* that in polite society it goes in last, then anyone wishing to play Scarfean snakes and ladders can learn this, can't they?

For a one-step passport to tofidom, it's pretty easy to remember. So good luck to the social climbers and their milk-sploshing. Especially if they are really handy with the two-litre plastic bottle.

LYNNE TRUSS

Happy to stay in Birmingham

ARTS BRIEFING

SIMON Rattle has extended his contract with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, making him the longest-serving music director in the orchestra's 73-year history. Rattle will stay on until at least August 1996, with an option to extend beyond that. "Signing the contract must have been the easiest signature I have ever had to write," he says.

Persistent music-industry rumours that Rattle is also on the point of signing as music director with a major American symphony orchestra, possibly Boston, are being strenuously denied by Rattle's agents. Rattle came to the CBSO in 1980 as principal conductor and artistic adviser, becoming music director ten years later. Together they have won worldwide acclaim and an enviable reputation far from the machinations of the London orchestral scene.

● MOZART could never have imagined it: *Don Giovanni* in Arabic. His operatic masterpiece now joins *Cosi fan tutte* and *The Marriage of Figaro* in the select group of Italian operas available in Arabic. Dr Aly Sadek, an Egyptian anaesthetist and self-described Mozart fanatic, resolved to translate the trio of Italian operas to spread Mozart's music throughout the Arabic world. *Cosi fan tutte* was released in 1989; *Figaro* followed in 1991. All three are conducted by Yousef El-Sisi of the Cairo Symphony Orchestra. Sadek, who claims to have listened to Mozart every day since he was ten, supervised the entire presentation and wrote the programme notes, synopses in Arabic and English, and the histories of the librettist, composer and the works.

Windy outlook

ONCE was a treat, twice was fun — but will the National's third revival of *The Wind In The Willows* leave us feeling we have been delighted long enough? At least by Christmas, when Alan Bennett's adaptation of Kenneth Grahame returns to the Olivier, several more adult offerings will have joined the repertoire. Look not only for *Absence of War*, the third part of David Hare's state-of-England trilogy, and for the second half of Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, but for Sophie Treadwell's *Machinal*, an American expressionistic play of the 1920s, which will be directed by Stephen Daldry,

Stephen Daldry: At the National, in the West End

whose imaginative revival of *An Inspector Calls* won every major award for 1992 and now finds itself with a West End transfer, opening at the Aldwych on August 21.

Last chance . . .

THE musical *Kiss of the Spider Woman* began as a novel entirely written in dialogue. Manuel Puig, the exiled Argentinian author, rewrote his book as a play, the play was filmed; Kander and Ebb then turned it into a musical, and this in turn will shortly be filmed. When Harold Prince's production opened at the Shaftesbury Theatre (071-379 5399) some objected to the idea of making a glamorous musical out of such suffering, even though the theme is the power of fantasy to keep hope alive. This is the last week in which to make up your own mind: the final performance is on Saturday.

LONDON

KIROV BALLET: A chance to see the Russians in something other than a full-length Russian ballet. Tonight the Kirov is presenting a mixed bill programme, offering three works of the 20th century. There is Balanchine's *Scotch Symphony* along with *In the Night*, which Jerome Robbins set to Chopin, and a dance setting of Samuel Barber's *Adagio*, choreographed by the Kirov's artistic director, Oleg Vinogradov.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

BURNE-JONES — WATERCOLOURS AND DRAWINGS: After a period of neglect, Edward Burne-Jones is receiving increasing critical attention. Virtually self-taught, he belongs to the second, more openly symbolist phase of pre-Raphaelitism, and has many connections with the Arts and Crafts movement. This show surveys his career.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, opens today to Nov 7.

THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS: Pirandello's mysterious last play on theatrical illusion and magic. With Sian Thomas and Desmond Barrit, directed by William Gaskill. Opening night.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7pm; then in repertoire.

BROTHER TRUCKERS: Everett Quinton directs and stars in the Ridiculous Theatrical Company's production about men who haul trash and the woman who love them.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Opens tonight, 7.30pm, then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm.

MIKE WESTBROOK ORCHESTRA: Back in the formal that suits him best, the big band. Westbrook orchestrates his grandiose, modern jazz.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, W1 (071-636 0933), 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

BUXTON. At this year's Buxton Festival Frank Matcham's delightful opera house hosts two productions by Jonathan Miller, which should ensure a degree of professionalism not always evident in recent years. The festival opens today with the traditional "blessing of the wells" dating back to 1840 (town centre, 2pm); tomorrow there is a concert by local school children (Paxton Suite, 7pm) and on Friday, a staging of Donizetti's romantic historical drama *Maria Stuarda* (Opera House, 7.30pm).
Festival Box Office, Buxton Opera House, Water Street (0298 72190) until Aug 1. Further perfs of *Maria Stuarda* on Jul 18, 22, 24.

LICHFIELD: Christopher Seamen conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Elgar's arrangement of Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, Brahm's Second Piano Concerto (John Lill is the soloist) and Elgar's Enigma Variations.
Lichfield Cathedral (0543 257557), 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM The former Led Zeppelin lead singer Robert Plant continues to forge a solo career. His new album, *Fate of Nations*, is mellow in content but the distinctive ululating voice remains reassuringly the same.
NEC (021-780 4133), 8pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **BACKSTROKE IN A CROWDED POOL.** Racial violence and animal life in Hounslow: uncertain at times but full of quirky promise.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 120mins. Extended to July 24.

◪ ***CITY OF ANGELS.*** *Top quality* Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats *Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 180mins.*

□ **COMEDIANS** Tim McInnerny plays the bitter and rejected comic in a well-staged revival of Trevor Griffiths's play.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm. 155mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU.** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical Girl Crazy.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS:** A tribute in *verse and song to Americans dead* from Aids. Self-centred though sometimes poignant.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm. 120mins.

□ **AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER** *Comic fantasies among the* football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mins.

◪ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat* 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, *3pm. 150mins.*

□ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Return of the acclaimed Gate Theatre, Dublin, production after its run at the Abbey.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-836 1116). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed (July 28, Aug 4, 11 only), 2.30pm and Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN.** Bebe Neuwirth gives her finest performances as the vamp in this tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and *touching Arthur Miller premiere.* Margot Leicester, Peter Dawson lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

◪ **LYSISTRATA.** Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport *rampant, rubber phalluses.*
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). *Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm,* Sat, 5pm. 95mins.

□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 155mins.

■ **OLEANNA.** David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college: passionate argument, riveting drama. Harold Pinter directs; David Suchet co-stars.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 190mins.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◪ **TRANSLATIONS:** British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . □ Don't Dress for Dinner: Duchess (071-494 5070) □ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◪ Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◪ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . □ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . □ On The Piste: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . □ Travels With My Aunt: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . □ The Woman In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient but needless remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road ◪ (071-370 2636) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys ◪ (071-792 3332).

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Notting Hill Coronet ◪ (071-727 5705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) UCI Whiteleys ◪ (071-792 3332).

THE FENCING MASTER (12): Intrigue, romance and political unrest in 1860s Spain: a modest pleasure from director Pedro Olea. With Omero Antonutti, Assumpta Serna.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards lonom drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys ◪ (071-792 3332).

◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): *Chinese* stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, *simple film about a peasant* woman (Gong Li) seeking justice. A *Venice festival top prizewinner.*
Renoir (071-837 8402).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance. Tony Bill directs, with Rosie Perez.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Pandon Street (071-930 0631).

NEW RELEASES

◆ ***BENNY & JOON*** (12). *Zany love* story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
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This is the one that they want

Then: Sandy (Olivia Newton-John, left) confronts Danny (John Travolta, right) in the 1977 film of *Grease*. Photo: Ronald Grant Collection

The musical *Grease* is back in the West End, this time with songs from the hit film and 'teen idol' stars. Jeremy Kingston reports

Anyone surfacing next month from a 20-year coma and peering around the West End to see what's new in musicals would find the landscape familiar. There will be *Grease*, first seen here in 1973, *Hair* (1968) and *Godspell* (1971). *Joseph*, not to mention his *Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, is well into its second year again. *Miss Saigon* would be unfamiliar but not its subject; *Les Mis* tells of revolutions even longer ago; and *Joseph*, depending how you look at it, bears the date 1,000 BC or AD 1960s. What's *new*, pussycat?

Well. Consider *Grease*, opening tomorrow at the vast Dominion Theatre; this is newish-oldish. In fact, it neatly satisfies the old wives' advice for the ideal wedding dress. Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue — though the bluest bits from the first ever production (in a Chicago trolley barn) were expunged long ago. And they were navy blue. Marine Blue. David Gilmore, director of the current revival, covered my tape recorder with his hand and regaled me with a line from the original script, drawled by one of sweet little Sandy's friends to one of Danny's swaggering mates. Then he explained the slang and we gazed thoughtfully into our lagers.

Gilmore had emerged from one of the horrendous technical rehearsals that inescapably come with the modern large-scale musicals. "Careworn? Careworn would almost be flattering." Directors survive by being able to sleep only three hours a night during rehearsals, reducing to two hours for previews.

He gives the expected praise to his team of young singers and dancers, to his Sandy (Debbie Gibson, numerous US No 1 hits, six months in Broadway's *Les Mis*) and his Danny (*Neighbours* star Craig McLachlan). "He's one of those really annoying people: he has everything. He is good-looking, humorous, attractive, can sing, can act and plays rock 'n' roll guitar to die for."

Tributes handsomely delivered, he goes on to consider why *Grease*, a high school tale set in 1959, with a minute storyline and almost non-existent dramatic conflict, should have run on Broadway for 3,000 performances, the longest-running musical before *Chorus Line*, and become the most successful film musical of all time. In terms of box office, that is. Watched with a dispassionate eye, it is a pretty poor movie, with most of the high school kids ridiculously into their twenties, and fleshy with it.

Now: Sandy (Debbie Gibson) Danny (Craig McLachlan)

Some of the male actors do not just posture; that might be in character: they posture at posturing. Yet it grossed all those hundreds of millions.

"John Travolta was breathtakingly charismatic in the film, and both there and on the stage you have this terrific dancing and those songs." Possibly the magic ingredients are no more than that. Even the social factors — Vietnam weariness, the perceived innocence of the Fifties — point exactly to a resurrected demand for rock 'n' roll. The film is nothing until the moment when the boys and girls, still segregated, start swaying in unison and chant "Tell Me More, Tell Me More!" in the first rock number.

But there must also have been, believe it or not, a trip-to-reality factor. Even when purged of language that might offend a decently brought up tape recorder, the show remained rich in the ribald comments and sexual references that no truly contemporary (1959) film ever dared to introduce. The insipidity of the Doris Day/Sandra Dee fodder is expressly mocked.

Gilmore did not see the original stage version and can say no more about its appeal then. "But I think its appeal now is that I can take my seven-year old boys to it and you can take your mother to it. She might want to put her fingers in her ears for some of the loud music, but it is infectious. It has a wild, anarchic charm. You're not going to come out of the show enlightened about the meaning of life." Indeed you are not. "While you're in there you'll forget all those questions.

"The other reason for its appeal today is that there's a huge audience of youngsters who know nothing about any theatre. That vast audience who go to discotheques, who go to Wembley for a rock concert, don't want to see plays. They're not interested. But they will go to see something where boys and girls come on stage wearing jeans and leather jackets, rocking and rolling.

"Perhaps I should say that this show is not a revival but a complete rethink and reworking. For various reasons. One is that since the original production the film has redefined what was there. The original show was written for a 150-seat community theatre in Chicago for a small cast. It went off-Broadway and then on Broadway. It survived as a small show, full of bad language: the characters were unattractive, to say the least. They'd come out and spit at the audience.

"Then came the film. Songs were added, which are now some of the best selling pop songs ever written, and the material was made acceptable to a wide general audience. With whom it obviously found favour.

"Here we are now, 20 years after, presenting it in one of the largest theatres in London, if not *the* largest, on a huge stage playing a hybrid version, if you like, of the text and the film and in a space for which the original material was not intended to work."

Written for the film, "Grease Is The Word", "You're The One That I Want" and "Hopelessly Devoted To You" are songs which have never been done on stage before. Any version of *Grease* that now left them out would seriously disappoint fans, yet the different scale of the new production posed problems.

"We've had to bear in mind all along the danger that this enlarging might overblow the material. We're not pastiching the Fifties but in this large space it's Fifties that are more Fifties than you could ever remember. A production has to play the space it's in for everybody in that space, at the front or the back." He looks at my watch. "The decisions have been invigorating," he declares, and downs his lager.

The Victorians used to fly elephants in and out on platforms, using ropes and pulleys. The modern musical uses slipping clutches and torque converters, and monitors every movement with sensors that a computer reads and makes adjustments to. Sometimes the elephants must have found themselves stuck in mid-air by a fouled rope, and today's gremlins have found even more opportunities for mischief. The opening of *Sunset Boulevard* was delayed for a fortnight because of them but *Grease* will be opening on time.

Gilmore may be on a one-hour ration of sleep by then.

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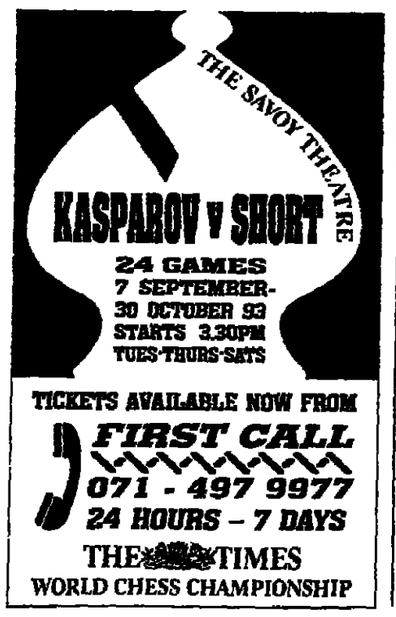

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Richard Morrison reports on the ambitious plans for the National Maritime Museum

Flagship on a tide of history

A huge windfall has lifted morale at one of Britain's top museums, after its ambitious £57 million plan for refurbishment by the end of the century had been buffeted by the recession and government cuts. The National Maritime Museum in Greenwich — which houses the world's largest collection of marine paintings, tools, maps, navigational equipment, weapons and treasure — will announce this week that it has received a gift of £750,000 from the estate of the late Leopold Muller. The Czech-born hotels magnate died five years ago, leaving a trust fund of £25 million to be distributed to educational, heritage and medical charities.

The money will be used by the NMM to build a new education complex, which will provide classrooms, interactive exhibits, and a "sea lab" for the 70,000 children who visit the museum each year. "It will help us to stimulate their interest in maritime history, technology, science and art," says Sue Millar, the museum's head of education. Richard Ormond, the NMM's director, expects that building on the Leopold Muller Education Centre will begin next January.

> 'Greenwich must not squander the maritime advantages it possesses'

Muller came to England shortly before the second world war. His wife and two daughters perished in the Nazi holocaust, and Muller resolved that the fortune he made through hotels and restaurants — his De Vere chain included the Grand Hotel in Brighton and the Mirabelle and Connaught Rooms in London — would revert on his death to the country that gave him refuge.

"Because of his special interest in children Muller would have strongly supported the new centre," says Michael Garston, the chairman of the Muller trustees. "It will further the museum's aim of teaching more and more people the importance of the sea in Britain's history."

It will, perhaps, also have a psychological impact even greater than that, boosting the confidence of staff in a museum which has been among the most innovative in Britain, but has suffered financial setbacks beyond its control. It achieved huge popular successes with the Armada quatercentenary exhibition in 1988, the Henry VIII exhibition in 1991, and "Pirates" last year — the latter craftily timed to coincide with the release of the Spielberg film *Hook*. Its plans for the next few years are equally spectacular: a big Nelson exhibition in 1995 (marking the bicentenary of Nelson's first sea victory); a show on ocean liners in 1996; and in 1997 an exhibition celebrating Hong Kong as the colony returns to Chinese rule.

And all these exhibitions only enhance the splendours that are permanent fixtures in the museum: the new, video-age "20th-century seapower" gallery, sponsored by the Taiwanese shipping chain Evergreen; the great bronze Tudor cannon salvaged from the wreck of the Mary Rose; the masterly battle paintings of the Van de Veldes, father and son; Nelson's uniform, pierced by the musket-ball that killed him; Captain Cook's sextant; royal barges of different epochs; and some of the oldest surviving compasses, globes and charts in the world. These are some of the two million items that bring half a million visitors into the NMM each year.

But the museum has had disappointments. In its most recent newsletter it had to announce that "the cut of 13 per cent in expected government grants will lead to a postponement of the plan to redevelop the museum's main galleries, and possibly a rationalising of other services". This five-year masterplan had begun in splendid style with the refurbishing of the Old Royal Observatory. That reopened in March in time for the tercentenary of John Harrison, the man who invented the marine chronometer. Later projects are planned to include a £9 million remodelling of Neptune Hall in the main museum building.

The idea is that all will be completed in time for the millennium. But the bold scheme hinges on raising enough private and corporate support. There is excellent precedent for that: indeed, the 59-year-old NMM owes its very existence largely to the generosity of the Scottish shipbuilder Sir James Caird who, after helping to preserve Nelson's flagship Victory at Portsmouth, later devoted much of his fortune to establishing the NMM. His patronage, measured in today's prices, would have amounted to almost £100 million.

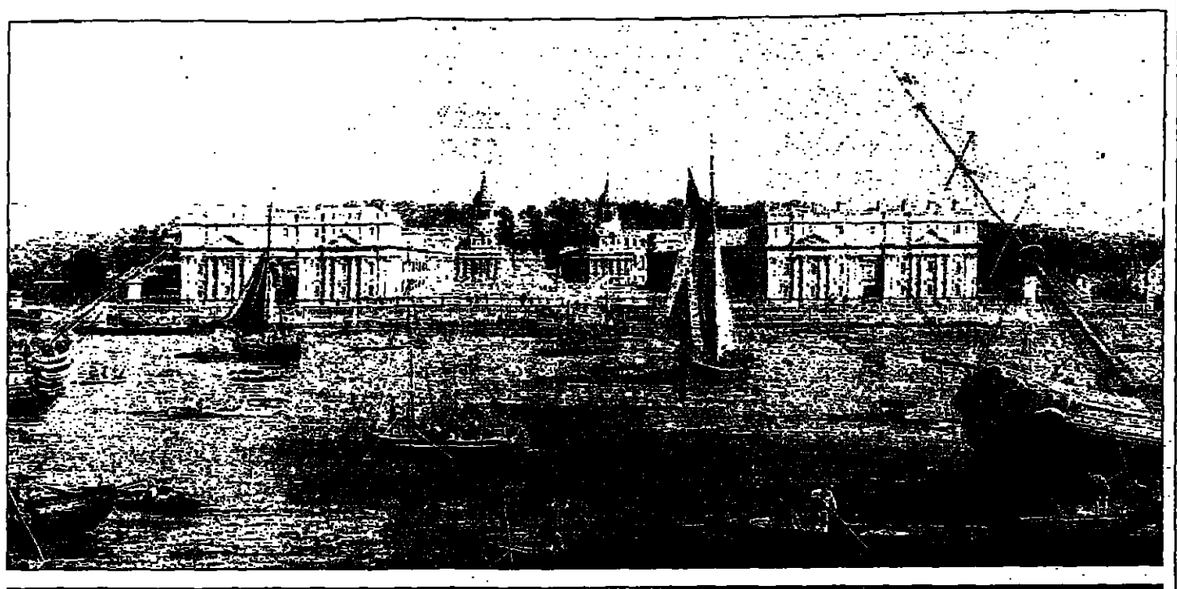
Why is it important for the NMM's schemes to succeed? Perhaps chiefly so that Greenwich does not squander the supreme advantages it possesses as a world centre of maritime heritage. The "Historic Maritime Greenwich" initiative launched a few years ago brought under one umbrella all the borough's main attractions: the Royal Naval College; the Cutty Sark, last of the great tea-clippers, and (perched like a baby sister alongside it) Francis Chichester's sturdy ketch Gipsy Moth IV; plus the NMM itself and its magnificent hillside satellite on Longitude 0°, the Old Royal Observatory.

More by historical accident than design, these buildings also constitute a textbook in stone to an unsurpassable period of English architecture: Wren, Jones, Vanbrugh and Hawksmoor all had a hand in Greenwich, at a time when it was still under royal patronage. "Greenwich affords one of the instances in which the monarch's property is actually the people's," wrote Nathaniel Hawthorne in 1863. "For a nobleman makes a paradise only for himself, and fills it with his own pomp and pride; whereas the people are sooner or later the legitimate inheritors of whatever beauty kings and queens create."

Yet Greenwich still needs further development. For one thing, it seems perverse that such a rich repository of maritime heritage on land should not be complemented by an equally spectacular display on water. One of the supreme puzzles about Greenwich is why the Thames is so little used there, except by the pleasure steamers that ply their tourist trade towards Westminster.

Nobody would want to spoil the fabulous riverscape of Wren's Royal Naval College — practically unchanged from the scene captured by Canaletto — by mooring big vessels in front of it. But why not utilise one of the less picturesque riverbanks near by, and make it a floating temporary exhibition centre for everything from reconstructed Greek triremes and tall ships to passing naval vessels? Upstream at Deptford, possibly, where Christopher Marlowe waited to make his escape on a vessel to France on the night he was murdered; or across the river at Millwall, where Brunel built his Great Eastern — six times larger than any ship then afloat — and launched it sideways into the Thames. Perhaps the mooted Thames river festival, which is apparently going to galvanise the riverbank each autumn from 1994, will seize the latent opportunities of the Thames at Greenwich.

● *The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10 (081-858 4422) is open Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, and Sun 2pm-5pm*



Canaletto's *Greenwich Hospital*, c.1750 (top); and (below) Richard Ormond, National Maritime Museum director, with new scheme

CONCERT

Rising to a late challenge

Cherubini Quartet
Wigmore Hall

Since the end of June the Cherubini Quartet has been tackling that most challenging of all artistic Everests, the cycle of Beethoven's string quartets. Every day or every other day they have returned to the Wigmore Hall for a further instalment. What often happens in such cases is that concentration is diluted, but not here. After listening to the final episode, the quartets Op 131 and Op 135, I only wish I had heard the others.

The Cherubini, formed in Germany in 1978, is a marvellous ensemble, characterised by a firm, well-blended sound in which, crucially for this music, no single voice is allowed to predominate. Balance between blend and individuality is just about ideal. They know this music, as all mature quartets do, utterly; but they also know that they must play it as though constantly surprised and challenged by it.

Late Beethoven does not, today, easily tolerate those who approach it with the attitude of assured experience. We appreciate the sense of quest and wonder it induces in executants and listeners alike. That is why Harnoncourt's and Norrington's performances are so popular.

The Cherubini, in the external matters of the music, are perhaps not quite as extreme as those two. But the depth of emotions in that wondrous slow fugal opening of Op 131 in C sharp minor was matched by a rich, dynamically restrained response, its progress as inexorable as the passage to the grave. This work is one of such varied ideas that in less wise hands, with minds less alive to every twist and turn, every abrupt change of gear, every subtle or less subtle metamorphosis, it can easily sound fragmented and anarchic until the final movement, which explains, explores and resolves everything that has gone before.

The final Quartet in F, Op 135, seems quite straightforward in comparison, and came across here like a piece of plain-speaking recited after a searching philosophical discourse. Here the Cherubini relaxed into the music's natural impetus, the first movement characterised by deliciously quiet answering phrases and ending tantalisingly in mid-air.

The Lento possessed an easy serenity, and the finale (the one prefaced by the question "Muss es sein?" and its answer "Es muss sein!") was a cheerfully assertive statement, with the overlying message that while we are here we might as well enjoy ourselves. The Cherubini certainly did that, though being in the perfect frame of mind to be dissolved by it, I for one was grateful for the encore, the Cavatina from the Quartet in B flat, Op 130.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Let's get metaphysical

An intimate epic brings India to a New York theatre

Fresh from winning a Tony award for his *Kiss of the Spider Woman* book, Terrence McNally gave the New York theatre season an exhilarating start with *A Perfect Ganesh*. If there is such a genre as the intimate epic play, McNally has written and director John Tillinger has beautifully staged it at the Manhattan Theatre Club.

Ganesh has structural affinities with *Angels in America* in telling realistic stories within a dramatised metaphysical framework. Sounds of finger-bells precede the curtain rising on a bronze statue of the elephant-headed Hindu god Ganesh. The god himself, delightfully personified in Santo Loquasto's costume and Dominic Cuskern's piquant performance, steps from behind the statue to narrate.

Ganesh also plays many supporting characters, as does versatile young actor Fisher Stevens, as the play tells the stories of two fiftyish suburban matrons and longtime friends (Zoe Caldwell and Frances Sternhagen) on a trip through India.

They are also on a journey of healing. Both have had sons killed by blacks (which could be doubly too symmetrical, but McNally makes something lovely of the killers' difference): one has a cheating husband and possible breast cancer, the other seeks atonement for many sins of bigotry.

With the possible exception of a train-tunnel incident where a fondled breast appears designed only as a reference to *A Passage to India*, the scenes unfold from Bombay to the Taj Mahal, developing the characters and relationship of the women, and charting their spiritual quests as they encounter numerous people including an Aids-infected American youth, a generous Japanese tourist and a leper.

Fine staging: Terrence McNally's *A Perfect Ganesh*

McNally achieves a rich balance between the exotic and realistic and avoids sentimentality through humour, from the Indian knock-knock joke that opens the second act, to using some characters speaking only Hindi (while the actors speak English) to show what waiters and maids think of those they serve. When the women are home in bed singing to themselves songs which recall their deepest pain, a snore from one woman's husband makes the last scene especially poignant.

Ming Cho Lee's setting is of eight rectangular arches in pale grey, with sliding panels that allow decorative columns, statues, furniture and other props to appear magically. It is lit with dappled beauty by Stephen Strawbridge, and Scott Lehrer's sound designs evoke India in music, people, animals, and the resonant bells. In her heartfelt performance, Zoe Caldwell mutes her powerful presence and instrument as if she were not a trumpet but a cello, while Frances Sternhagen plays like a virtuoso violinist with temper and tenderness. *A Perfect Ganesh* is as close to perfect as McNally has come in his distinguished body of work.

HOLLY HILL

OPERA IN GERMANY: **Barry Millington** hails a thoughtful approach to a troubling work

Cruelty at the heart of Wagner's comedy

Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg
Frankfurt Opera

Here at last is the production of Wagner's *Mastersingers of Nuremberg* I have been waiting for: one that penetrates beyond the bonhomie and thigh-slapping pantomime to reveal the dark underside of the opera. No work calls for such treatment more urgently than *The Mastersingers*, and Christof Nel's new production at the Frankfurt Opera, while less than a complete success in dramaturgical terms, responsibly but devastatingly tackles the complex issues at stake.

Some of us have been uneasy about *The Mastersingers* for a long time, not only in relation to Hans Sachs's nationalistic address at the end, but also because of the cruel treatment of the town clerk, Beckmesser. Recently it has been possible to demonstrate that in both text and music Beckmesser incorporates many of the characteristics associated by Wagner with Jews.

In short, the opera is the artistic counterpart of the ideological crusade launched by Wagner in the 1860s: a crusade to urge Germany to awaken, to expel alien elements and honour the "German spirit". The characterisation of Beckmesser is demonstrably anti-Semitic, and Cosima Wagner knew what she was doing when, after the Master's death, she allocated the role (as of those of Alberich and Mime in the Ring) to Jews.

Nel's visual conception, with designs by himself and Max von Vequel-Westernach, is anti-Romantic, but strikingly realised. The colour scheme is electric black (the Masters oppressive in their secret-society regalia) and dazzling white (virginal Eva), with the odd splash of red (Walther's sash) or green-blue (apprentices).

The curtain rises to reveal not the congregation in St Katharine's Church, but a white-walled interior with Walther and Eva, alone, standing immobile at either side of the stage. Alone, that is, apart from the youth in a loincloth, suspended high on the wall in crucifixion pose. At the end of the act, he slips away, suggesting that a new sacrificial lamb has to be found.

When Walther sings his Trial Song, the Masters enclose him on three sides, facing away. Some gradually turn in amazement: a hint of comic potential not realised by Nel. His aim is more serious: the Masters, threatened by fear of the outsider, clutch each other protectively.

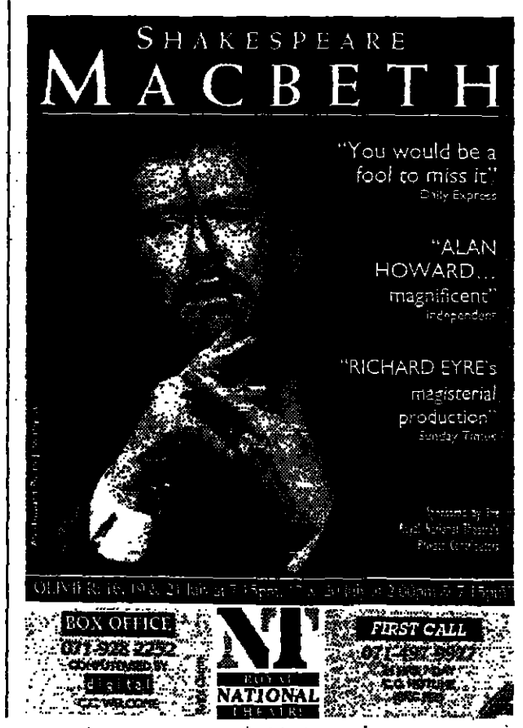
For Acts II and III the rear wall recedes to provide a vast open white space, virtually empty save for cobbler Sachs's boots lined against the side wall. A large slab descends with a six-pointed star in the vicinity of Beckmesser. As with the yellow stars twirled by the rioting crowd at the end of the second act, when Beckmesser is beaten, the reference is not only to the yellow Jewish star of the 1930s, but to the Star of David, the patron saint of the Mastersingers. The chilling force of the juxtaposition is enhanced in the Riot Scene by the menacing lighting and grouping of the crowd, and by the vehemence of the singing.

In the aftermath of the collective frenzy (Act III), Sachs's shoes are piled in one of those appalling heaps all too familiar from 1930s photographs. But Nel's biggest coup is to fuel expectation of the usual bustling festival meadow in the last scene, with its guild banners, processions and gaily clad townsfolk. Instead, the curtain rises (to a chorus of boos countered by cheers) on a dark scene of atavistic horror: devils' masks, midsummer madness and, bestriding the stage, two outsize, bloated figures — not Nazi bosses, but, far more sinister, ordinary people. The devil is within. The final chorus is thundered (the ensemble in superb form) by the townsfolk, hidden in shadow, advancing to the front of the stage; lighting from below illuminates their shiny black boots, donned in response to Sachs's call to prepare themselves.

One admires Nel's refusal to make easy political statements, dealing instead with the more complex themes of sacrificial victims, scapegoatism and the fear of the Other. (Significantly, Beckmesser acquires his skull-cap only after his beating. He is not necessarily a Jew, but he plays the role of one.) Thus far Nel's production is a success, but there are long stretches of ill-motivated staging, unforgivable even within an anti-Romantic concept. Nel neither shows interest in the three-cornered love story (Walther, Eva and the relinquishing, avuncular, Sachs), nor puts anything in its place.

William Cochran, sagging well beyond his 50 years, is no longer convincing as the amorous knight. Walther von Stolzing. He sang wretchedly and paid for it with a hostile reception. Perversely, no attempt was made to disguise Alan Titus's youth in the senior role of Sachs. It was marvellously sung, however, with well modulated tone and clear enunciation, perhaps just lacking the final ounce of gravitas.

Andrea Trauboth's Eva was affecting and sensitively sung, especially once she had the Quintet underway, while Margit Neubauer was a properly youthful Magdalene, and Hans Jürgen Lazar a hearty, eager David. Jürgen Freier's Beckmesser and Victor von Halem's Pogner were strongly sung. Michael Boden's handling of the score — alert and vigorous in the public scenes, lucid and poetic in the private ones — gave promise of a fine Wagner conductor in the making.



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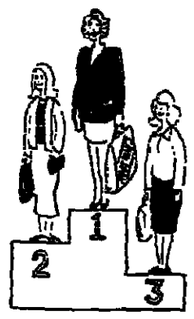

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Temps come into their own

Many hard-pressed employers have rediscovered a willing and highly flexible workforce, says Beryl Dixon

In January, surveying the new year job scene, we said that temping, "which went through a bad patch last year, might just be on the up". It is. In complete contrast to the picture of the last two years when employers were cutting back on replacement staff, many are moving back to employing temps — and the temps they are looking for are a new breed.

Counting the pennies carefully, companies have realised that temps at £8 to £10 an hour — up to £12 for personal assistants in some cases, with the agency fee on top — are not the extravagance they at first appear. First, temps do not command holiday, sick pay or pension contributions. Second, they leave on the exact day the contract terminates with no bad feeling or redundancy entitlements. And, third, they save on training costs: employers can demand the exact combination of skills they require. They can specify typing and shorthand speeds. If they want someone capable of using three out of four specific wp systems they can ask for those, with no cross-training to worry about.

A temp's contract can now be for almost any length of time, with assignments from six to even 12 months becoming more common.

Sue Cook, a director of the Workshop consultancy, part of the Gordon Yates Group, says: "Yesterday we placed a receptionist at 11am for the remainder of the day. I handle numerous one-year contracts and I have one temp in a company not allowed to recruit additional permanent staff, whose contract has been renewed annually for five years."

Irene Anderson, a director of BSB Dorland Advertising Agency, says: "The temps I get today are very professional compared with the days when you thought, 'It's OK so long as they can type'. I always use the same agencies who know exactly what I want — no college leavers or first or second-jobbers. I regard them as too inexperienced.

"They must also be fully conversant with all our computer systems. It isn't cost-efficient to re-train them here."

Brenda Hemmings, personnel director of News International, is equally specific. "I demand all the traditional skills, fast typing, audio, shorthand and a range of wp packages. If I found that I had been misled by an agency keen to get my custom they would not get it back!

"I always make a point of chatting to the temps when they arrive, and I would soon find out, for example, if they had 60 words per minute shorthand rather than 90."

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be the person who has the job of keeping these exacting employers and you, the temp or prospective temp, happy?

Ms Cook describes her job as similar to permanent placement work, but at a faster pace. "I have known some of the temps for several years. Some still temp between permanent assignments and might ring me, saying, 'I temped for you four years ago, can you help?'. Others are 'permanent' temps because they prefer the lifestyle.

"Whatever their reason for temping, I must get the placement right. Clients are more demanding and I do no one any favours if I send a girl on the wrong assignment. She isn't happy and the client won't come back."

Ms Cook says she spends a lot of time visiting clients to get to know their business thoroughly. "They want someone to be an extension of their company from Day One and I have to know what niche I am filling." She also enjoys establishing a relationship with the temps. "I must know where all of them are at any given moment, in case a job comes up suddenly.

"I think a temp manager's main attribute is a sunny personality. I still have to smile on difficult days when under pressure."

Lisa Knight, at Maine-Tucker, in central London, agrees. "It's very stimulating work and rewarding if you like a hectic pace. The phone rarely stops and you have to be able to do at least three things simultaneously. I think you'll find that we are all pretty extrovert."

Ms Knight also enjoys building relationships. "I know the employers really well through regular visits — I visit the ones where we have large contracts weekly — and when an assignment comes in I can usually mentally fit a temp to do it. I phone every temp at least once a week, for a chat and to see how they are. We also stay in touch by organising temps' parties from time to time and everyone gets a regular newsletter which I compile.

"I think the main requirement of the work is the ability to thrive under pressure and come up with instant solutions. I have a varied client list. Some ask me to find temps to do highly focused tasks. They might request someone, for example, competent in Excel. Persuasion and Apple Mac and with a particular type of personality — to start within 24 hours. Others, including some well-known companies, now have a permanent workforce of temps as a matter of policy — all found and replaced as necessary by us on a contract basis.

"Some assignments still require someone at very short notice. Last week a well-known author rang from a London hotel — and I had someone there within a couple of hours."

ALAN WELLER

In contact: a phone call each week, temps' parties and regular newsletters are ways of keeping in touch, says Lisa Knight

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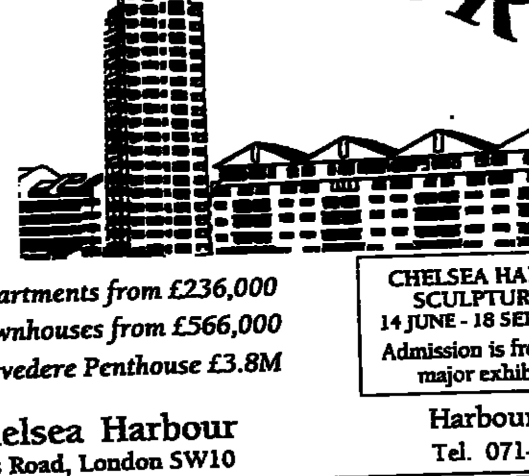

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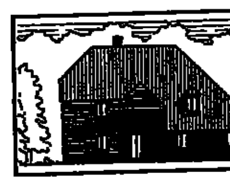

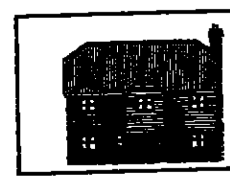

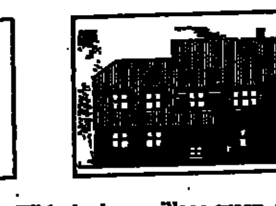

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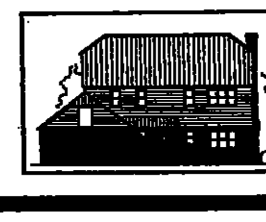

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The homeless are at last starting to move into the country's vacant properties. **Rachel Kelly** and **James Fisher** report

A chance to live over the shop

Eighteen months ago, the charity, the Empty Homes Agency, was created to try to bring back into use some of the country's 800,000 empty homes. Yesterday, at its first conference, the agency took stock of its achievements.

More than 2,000 people have been housed thanks to the agency's work. Banks, lenders and local authorities have all played their part in bringing property back into use. They have released homes and housing associations have provided tenants.

The Metropolitan Police and Essex County Council have been singled out for particular praise. The Metropolitan Police has released vacant property for occupation by homeless families. Essex has established a "property strategy" in partnership with local housing associations and the private sector. The agency says that it has striking examples of blighted buildings being restored to provide homes.

Everyone wins from the agency's work: the owners see their property earning income and the fabric being maintained. Some of the homeless, who are estimated to number 130,000, find semi-permanent housing. Since about 60,000 repossessions are likely this year, such projects are even more important.

The government's initiatives include setting up an empty homes task force, a "Flats over Shops" (FOS) scheme and taking steps to create a private-sector, house-renovation grant system to bring derelict houses into use.

Among the schemes with the most potential has been FOS. Up and down the high streets of Britain, a small but potentially significant revolution has started. The FOS scheme is an attempt, inspired and funded by the environment department, to convert empty units above shops to provide housing for homeless families.

The housing minister, Sir George Young, has personally emphasised the importance the government attaches to getting empty properties back into use. FOS is one of his main projects.

The 80,000 empty flats over shops have tended to remain empty because more than 80 per cent of them are owned by institutions, which have been wary of being landed with tenants that they cannot get out.

Since the introduction of the assured-shorthold tenancy in 1988, flats can be let without risk to the freeholder. After the first six months of a tenancy, a landlord can, if necessary, get possession of a property within two months.

Although institutions are starting to alter their leases to their landlords to allow tenants to sublet, they remain wary. The DoE says: "Government ministers are talking to institutions and investors to try to get them interested in the scheme and would welcome the participation of any large retail chains with empty space over their stores." The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is looking at ways to encourage corporations to become involved. It also has its own initiative, the Spare Space project.

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The money to convert the flats and to pay the housing association rent comes from the government via the Housing Corporation. FOS is funded to the tune of £25 million for three years to 1994-5. Earlier this month, Sir George announced that £4.7 million had been spent to bring 200 flats back into use, an average cost of £23,500.

The National Westminster Bank has brought back into use eight flats above banking premises. It now has a scheme in Leicester that will create 20 units.

One of the problems is the complexity of the processes involved. These have drawn protests from private sector operators. David Edmonds, NatWest's general manager of group property, suggests that a model procedure should be established for the creation of such flats, which would lessen the burden on landlords.

Bob Lawrence, director of the Empty Homes Agency, says that the establishment of a model would involve consultation between the Housing Corporation and the environment department to streamline funding and devise a checklist for planning and building regulations.

One of the schemes to have surmounted the initial hurdles is to be found in Kilburn, northwest London. Cyril Webber has been selling women's clothes from his shop in Kilburn High Road for 45 years. Gradually, the storerooms and fitting rooms over the shop have fallen into disuse.

Last October, after pilot schemes in the North and the Midlands, FOS money became available in London. The West Hampstead Housing Association entered negotiations with Mr Webber to convert the vacant space to three flats. At the end of this month, eight people, a couple with two children, and two single mothers with their children, will move into their homes.

Mr Webber says that he was not attracted entirely out of altruism, although he says "so far as the homeless are concerned, it is a better and more permanent solution than bed and breakfast".

The benefits of FOS for an owner are considerable. For an investment of 30 per cent of the redevelopment costs, in this case about £5,000 a unit, the owner gets his or her empty space redeveloped.

The housing association deals with the surveyors, planners and builders and, as Mr Webber says, "it takes the burden off your shoulders".

In addition, the new flats are automatically let through the local authority and the owner receives the rents on them. The housing association manages and maintains them internally. At the expiry of a short-term lease, of between five and ten years, the units revert to the owner with vacant possession to do with as he pleases.

Andy Cox, the development officer in charge of this project for West Hampstead Housing Association (WHHA), says that the area over shops "offers decent space standards and good quality solid accommodation". WHHA receives 13 per cent of the cost of the work to cover its expenses and a weekly management fee from the local authority, which selects the family to be housed.

Mr Cox emphasises that FOS could bring about the regeneration of high streets which are often empty and soulless places after the shops close. In Kilburn High Road alone, WHHA estimates that there is enough empty space over shops to house 200 people.

As a sign of government commitment to the scheme, Sir George officially opened the flats above Mr Webber's shop. WHHA has got McDonald's and Pizza Hut involved and will house another 20 people in these redevelopments.

Mr Lawrence is mostly enthusiastic about FOS but is worried by what he calls "the lottery aspect" of the grant awards. The first year's allocation was oversubscribed eight times by local authority applicants. While his agency supports any scheme that alleviates housing problems, he points out that with "818,000 empty homes in England, FOS is only a small part of the picture".

Problems remain because landlords — private and public sector — are reluctant to release buildings they may be holding for future use.

The defence ministry, with 10,000 properties on its books, is especially guilty. "Unless the government puts its own house in order, it is impudent for it to lecture the private sector," Mr Lawrence says.

If the Empty Homes Agency is successful, it will do itself out of a job. Sadly, attitudes are so entrenched that its presence may be necessary for many years to come.

Settling in: Lena Nash and her two children visited by Sir George Young, the housing minister

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Police help to arrest eviction

Lena Nash, and her two children Jason, aged eight, and Anna, seven, faced eviction from defence ministry property in Whetstone, north London, after she separated from her husband.

She is now living in what had been an empty Metropolitan Police flat. Hers is the first family to be rehoused under an initiative by the Met and the housing association, Housing 21. Both organisations were brought together by the Empty Homes Agency.

The flat is the first of 309 flats, in 20 blocks spread over 13 London boroughs, to be leased to Housing 21 under the scheme to use vacant police accommodation.

Increasingly, police officers no longer want to live in government accommodation, and would rather buy homes of their own. Many flats have fallen vacant leaving some of the blocks only half occupied. The assistant director of property services at the Met, Graham Douglas, was reluctant to sell the flats in a depressed market and looked for an alternative.

Housing 21 has a five-year lease on each block of flats and is responsible for management and maintenance. It leases back to the Metropolitan Police those flats that are occupied by serving police officers. The rents collected by Housing 21 will be paid to the police, less deductions for management, maintenance and service charges.

The blocks have a high level of security. As a result, says Bob Lawrence, director of the Empty Homes Agency, the lettings are to people in disciplined professions, such as ex-service families. "This is a breakthrough in policy and an example for other government departments."

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Derbyshire emphasise Australian weakness

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DERBY *(first day of three; Australia won toss): Derbyshire have scored 244 for five wickets against Australia*

DERBYSHIRE bat like millionaires even when the club bank balance confirms them as paupers but their natural extravagance, on a green and two-paced pitch, did little to help the Australians solve their biggest mid-tour problem yesterday.

With Headingley looming, and Merv Hughes still limping, Australia are rightly anxious about the form and credentials of their remaining seam bowlers. The concern will, if anything, have deepened on a day cut short by steady rain at teatime.

Until Dominic Cork was fifth out, for a confident 56 which will further enhance his England prospects, Derbyshire were scoring at five runs an over after Allan Border had put them in. Holdsworth, Julian and Reiffel is not, in truth, an attack of which many county sides would be proud and the scale of the Australian dilemma, if Hughes should be unfit for the next Test, was fully exposed.

Hughes is back with the party after five days in London during which the team physiotherapist, Errol Alcott, put him through a daily routine of pool and gym work. One outcome is that Hughes has lost a stone in weight. His troublesome groin is expected to be fit for Headingley, but he is unlikely to be risked in the last preparatory game, against Durham this weekend.

Fitness worries, and the fact that they now need to win all their six remaining games against the counties to collect the Tetley Bitter jackpot, have necessarily shifted the tourists' priorities between Tests. Derbyshire's priority is to capitalise on the fact that they are the first county to win a trophy this summer.

Yesterday, the video of the Benson and Hedges Cup final played all day on the pavilion television while those of the respectable crowd who wished could have their picture taken with the cup and a chosen hero. Out on the field, too, the team did its bit to recreate the mood of Lord's with a display of frenetic batting which, from another team, might have seemed reprehensibly reckless but, from Derbyshire, just seemed routinely familiar.

Quality seam bowling might have bowled them out before lunch, such was the cavalier mood. Instead, with Holdsworth consistently pitching halfway down and Julian dragging ball after ball down the leg side, the session produced 153 for four from only 30 overs.

Paul Reiffel, the Victorian chosen in the tour party for the Englishness of his medium-pace, was the one man to pose regular problems, though it is doubtful if he is quick enough to make much impact on Test batsmen. His second over had Bowler caught behind, whereupon John Morris was dropped at gully off Julian, only to waste the reprieve by spooning the next ball to mid-on.

Adams, driving wildly, and O'Gorman, beaten off the pitch, gave the probing Reiffel two more wickets and Cork, who entered to a matadorial reception after his Cup-winning innings, was missed at slip, by Mark Waugh of all people, before he had scored.

Unlike Morris, Cork made the most of his life and was almost becalmed as his young all-rounder laid about him. When he, too, mistimed a drive after making 56 from 77 balls, the light went out of the day in every sense.

TED DITCHBURN

Down but not out: Simmons hits a boundary during his century yesterday

Byas takes Yorkshire to victory

DAVID Byas, the Yorkshire left-hander, scored 80 off 92 balls to help his side to a comfortable six-wicket victory over Durham in the Tetley Trophy semi-final at Harrogate yesterday. They will meet Nottinghamshire in the final today.

Byas, who offered a return chance which Ian Smith put down when he had made only one, went on to hit four sixes and eight fours and shared in a stand of 63 in 14 overs with Richie Richardson.

Richardson had two escapes, being missed by Fowler when 43 and by Hutton when 67, but hit the ball with tremendous power, cracking two sixes and nine fours before being caught at long-leg off Smith.

Durham won the toss and were kept going initially by Fowler, who reached 50 from 116 balls, and Hutton made a useful 46.

Simmons shines in lead role as English fluff lines

BY IVO TENNANT

JESMOND (Rest of the World won toss): Rest of the World XI beat an England XI by 37 runs

FIRST the Australians, then the Dutch, now the Rest of the World. Who is there left to beat England this summer? In truth, although Keith Fletcher bothered to make as arduous a journey to a ground as would be possible from his home, not too much should be read into this defeat. It was cricket of the most festive order.

There is, anyway, no shame in losing to the Rest of the World. Think of what happened when England came up against them in a Test series in 1970. And it should be emphasised that this was an England XI, three of whose number had not played Test cricket. Anyone who came looking to genuflect before Graham Gooch will have to wait until today.

Still, although Gatting announced at Newcastle Airport that "if people don't know me by now, they never will", his competitive instincts were such that he could not let the chance go by to make a point or two to Fletcher, the England manager. Captain for the day, he struck 90 off 109 balls with a six and 11 fours and will be back for more this morning.

There were as many present as this compact ground in the suburbs of Newcastle upon Tyne could hold. Ever since the days of the International Cavaliers, Rest of the World sides have never lacked an aura. No matter that Richards could not make it and that no one had heard of the wicket-keeper, Berry. Brought here by the sponsors, Longhirst, an assortment of players entertained regally.

The innings of the day was played by Simmons, of West Indies. One of three sixes in his century cleared chimney pots on a row of terraced houses and, although the likes of Pollock and Border have been here in recent years, no one had done that since back in 1949.

Otherwise, Greenidge struck 59 in a way that made you wonder why he was not still turning out for Barbados rather than its tourist board. If it was not for the fact that Australian batsmen are dominating the batting averages, you could have said that from the way Jones scored 28 in the time it takes everyone else to get their eye in, he should be batting before a wider gathering. What with a lovely innings of 87 by Jadeja, a total of 309 for five in 55 overs seemed quite sufficient, and so it proved.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Thompson breezes into second place

LIGHT winds were expected to favour Brian Thompson and Helena Darvelid, sailing the 35ft Class 5 trimaran, Severalles Challenge, as the competition for second place in the Teesside two-handed round Britain yacht race intensified last night.

While the leading American crew, David Scully and Steve Fossett, prepared to set out on the third stage from Lerwick later today in their trimaran, Lakota, Thompson and Darvelid were fighting to maintain second place overall. They led from the two leading 60ft monohull entries, QAB3, skippered by Mark Gatehouse, and Enif, skippered by Richard Tolkein, who were contesting third place.

After the gale force winds of the past week, five late arrivals from Barra found themselves becalmed close to the finish. Ross Hobson and Bill Minto, sailing Live Wire, the smallest boat in the fleet, rowed across the line but others spent more than four hours waiting for the wind.

Chesnokov beaten

TENNIS: Andrei Chesnokov, the top seed, was knocked out of the Northern Electric Open challenger tournament event in Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday. The Russian, ranked thirtieth in the world, was beaten 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 by Eric Winogradsky, of France. Chesnokov failed to cope with the fierce serving and aggressive tactics of his opponent, squandering a 4-2 lead in the first set. Chesnokov said: "I was desperate to do well here. Maybe the pressure of being the No 1 seed got to me." There were mixed fortunes for the two Britons in action yesterday. Miles Maclagan overcame the American, Brian Devening, 7-6, 7-6, taking the second tie-break 11-9 after losing four match points. But Nick Gould lost 6-4, 6-3 to Vincenzo Santopadre, of Italy.

Indurain in control

CYCLING: Miguel Indurain, winner of the Tour de France for the past two years, seems firmly in control again even before the race crosses its first mountain pass today with the stage from Villard-de-Lans to Serre-Chevalier in the Alps. The Spaniard gained the leader's yellow jersey in the ninth stage on Monday and Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy, said: "I think that beating him is practically impossible." The only rider playing down Indurain's prospects is Indurain himself. He said: "One bad day and you could lose minutes."

Nielsen bows out

BADMINTON: Anders Nielsen, the England No 2, was the first leading seed to lose in the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. He was beaten 15-5, 8-15, 15-7 by Kwan Yoke Meng, of Malaysia, in the second round. Peter Knowles, Nielsen's countryman, also went out, 14-17, 15-3, 15-5, to Yong Hock Kin, from Malaysia, but Joanne Muggeridge, another England player, defeated Thanitsara Junies, of Thailand, 11-3, 7-11, 11-2 in the first round of the women's singles.

England storm back

RUGBY UNION: England Under-21 staged a second-half comeback to win the fourth match of their tour of Australia yesterday, beating Queensland Under-21 by 29-26 at Ballymore. The touring team had trailed 16-6 at half-time. Will Greenwood, Neil Ryan and John Phillips scored tries for England, who owed much to Mike Catt, the Bath stand-off half. Catt, playing at full back, kicked four penalties and a conversion. England's win followed defeats by New South Wales (29-23) and ACT (23-21).

Easy start for Scotland

HOCKEY: Scotland begin their campaign in the Intercontinental women's cup in Philadelphia today in an attempt to join England and Ireland in the finals of the World Cup in Dublin next year. The Scots, unbeaten in their last 13 games, are optimistic of finishing in the top five and progressing to Dublin. They begin their seven-match schedule against Belgium and should win. They should beat Russia, too, but it will be their matches with New Zealand, Canada and Japan which will decide their fate.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley Bitter Challenge
Derbyshire v Australians

DERBY *(first day of three, Australians won toss): Derbyshire have scored 244 for 5 against the Australians*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett not out	78
P D Bowler c Zoehrer b Reiffel	30
J E Morris c Warne b Julian	2
C J Adams c Hayden b Reiffel	4
T J G O'Gorman c M E Waugh b Reiffel	6
D G Cork c Martyn b Holdsworth	56
F A Griffith not out	35
Extras (lb 11, nb 22)	33
Total (5 wkts)	244

†K M Krikken, M J Vandrau, D E Malcolm and S J Base to bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-71, 2-74, 3-91, 4-103, 5-201

BOWLING: Holdsworth 20-2-113-1, Julian 13-3-43-1, Reiffel 13-1-51-3, Warne 10-5-20-0, S R Waugh 2-1-1-0

AUSTRALIANS: M J Slater, M L Hayden, D R Martyn, M E Waugh, *A R Border, S R Waugh, †I J Zoehrer, S K Warne, B P Julian, P R Reiffel, W J Holdsworth

Umpires: J H Harris and A A Jones

Tetley Trophy
Semi-final
Yorkshire v Durham

HARROGATE *(Durham won toss): Yorkshire beat Durham by six wickets*

DURHAM

G Fowler b Robinson	51
*M Larkins b Hartley	10
S Hutton c Blakey b Hartley	46
D A Blenkiron b Jarvis	36
*P Bainbridge c Stemp b Hartley	37
I Smith b Jarvis	0
†C W Scott not out	36
J Wood run out	1
*D A Graveney not out	17
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 4)	11
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	235

S J E Brown and M M Betts did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-10, 2-102, 3-124, 4-175, 5-175, 6-189, 7-193.

BOWLING: Jarvis 11-2-42-2, Hartley 11-3-33-3, Robinson 10-3-52-1, White 6-0-38-0, Batty 11-1-32-0, Stemp 6-0-32-0

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon c Smith b Brown	0
A P Grayson c Scott b Smith	49
R B Richardson c Larkins b Smith	77
D Byas c Blenkiron b Wood	80
†R J Blakey not out	3
C White not out	1
Extras (lb 17, w 3, nb 8)	28
Total (4 wkts, 47.2 overs)	238

P J Hartley, P W Jarvis, R D Stemp, J D Batty and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-124, 3-187, 4-233

BOWLING: Wood 5.2-0-46-1, Brown 8-0-43-1, Betts 6-0-39-0, Bainbridge 6-0-26-0, Graveney 11-0-36-0, Smith 11-3-31-2

Umpires: V A Holder and R A White

Other match
England XI v Rest of World XI

JESMOND *(Rest of World XI won toss): Rest of World XI beat England XI by 37 runs*

REST OF WORLD XI

P V Simmons c DeFreitas b Croft	104
Aamir Sohail c Gatting b Ilott	1
A Jadeja c Peseberry b DeFreitas	87
*C G Greenidge b Ilott	59
R M Jones b Ilott	28
P M Harper not out	4
†D S Berry not out	2
Extras (lb 11, w 3, nb 10)	24
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	309

M D Marshall, D Morrison, C A Walsh and A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-186, 3-254, 4-288, 5-307.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 11-1-42-1; Ilott 11-0-56-3; Munton 11-1-53-0, Such 11-0-65-0; Croft 11-0-75-1

ENGLAND XI

M A Atherton b Harper	33
M A Roseberry lbw b Donald	20
M R Ramprakash c Simmons b Marshall	1
*M W Gatting b Donald	90
N H Fairbrother b Harper	20
†S J Rhodes c Morrison b Harper	35
R D B Croft c Marshall b Harper	0
P A J DeFreitas c Berry b Donald	19
T A Munton not out	16
M C Ilott c Morrison b Aamir Sohail	4
P M Such not out	14
Extras (lb 5, w 5, nb 10)	20
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-43, 3-71, 4-99, 5-171, 6-172, 7-212, 8-246, 9-252.

BOWLING: Donald 10-1-48-3, Walsh 11-1-43-0, Morrison 11-2-53-0, Marshall 9-2-31-1, Harper 11-0-67-4, Aamir Sohail 2-0-15-1, Greenidge 1-0-10-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B J Meyer

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Taunton: Hampshire 267 (M J Thursfield 57, M Dimond 5-46, and 88-0 (R S M Morris 50 not out) Somerset 255 (G W White 80, *M A Trescothick 77, Thursfield 4-70). *Match drawn*

TOUR MATCH: Kurunegala (second day of three): Indians 342-6 dec (M Azharuddin 100, K S More 60 not out, M Prabhakar 53); Sri Lanka Board XI 293-5 (S T Jayasuriya 111 not out, H P Tillekeratne 101

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

CATAPHATIC

(b) Defining God positively, or by positive statement, from the Greek *kataphēnai* to assert: "It is clear that apophatic theology, which knows God by the mode of negation or ignorance, knows him better than cataphatic theology, which proceeds by that of affirmation and science."

KRAGDADIG

(a) Resolute, firm, vigorous. Afrikaans version of the Dutch *krachtdadig*: *Cape Times*, 1949: "Where any evidence can be found in this rigmarole of tentativeness for the kragdadigheid which is supposed to distinguish Nationalist Ministers we fail to see."

TORBA

(c) A primitive kind of cement made with broken pottery, traditionally used in Malta for the floors of buildings, frequently used attributively, adaptation of the Arabic *turba* dust, earth, soil: "The beaten-earth floor, known as torba, is made as follows: the pots are broken or pounded..."

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(c) A jet-assisted take-off or jato in which the engine is a rocket engine, from the initial letters of Rocket-Assisted Take-Off, 1962: "Designed to carry outside cargo, the Stratocruiser is to have an increased payload of 60,000 lb and RATO units will be used."

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CRICKET

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Tetley Bitter Challenge
(second day of three)

DERBY: Derbyshire v Australians

Tetley Trophy final
(one day)

HARROGATE: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire

Seeboard Trophy
(one day)

CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey

Other matches (one day)

JESMOND: England XI v Rest of World XI *110-30*

LORD'S: MCC Schools v National Association of Young Cricketers

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Wolverhampton: Staffordshire v Northumberland, Trowbridge: Wiltshire v Cornwall

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): King's School, Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Kent, Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan Bedford School: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire The Oval: Surrey v Somerset, Hove: Sussex v Hampshire, Old Edwardians: Warwickshire v Middlesex *Halesowen: Worcestershire v Essex*

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English women's county finals (Hayling GC)

SHOOTING: NRA Imperial meeting (Bisley)

TENNIS: Northern Electric Open (Newcastle) LTA women's satellite tournament (Finnton-on-Sea).

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open championships: Men's singles: Second round: Yong Hock Kin (Mal) bt P Knowles (Eng), 14-17, 15-3, 15-5, Kwan Yoke Meng (Mal) bt A Nielsen (Eng), 15-5, 8-15, 15-7. Women's singles: First round: J Muggeridge (Eng) bt T Junties (Tha), 11-3, 7-11, 11-2.

BASEBALL

STOCKHOLM: European championships: Semi-finals: Holland 10, France 2; Italy 8, Sweden 5

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Colwyn Bay: Wales 295-5 dec (J Channards 87, A C Puddle 75 not out). Cheshire 275-7 (J D Gray 72, A J Hall 56). Match drawn. Bedford: Lincolnshire 185-6 dec and 251-6 dec (J R Robinson 80, R J Evans 60, P D Thomas 6-121). Bedfordshire 177-8 dec (S A Bradford 4-59) and 260-4 (C [illegible] 100 not out, N G Folland 88 not out). Bedfordshire won by 6 wickets. Canford School: Dorset 220-2 dec (T W Pullings 101 not out, J J E Hardy 60 not out, J Cassell 52) and 318-4 dec (Cassell 103 not out, J A Claughton 77, Pidhings 68). Cornwall 209-4 dec (P J Bartlett 145 not out) and 165-7 (Bartlett 58, V J Pike 5-51). Match drawn. Wolverhampton: Staffordshire 175-4 (D A Banks 73 not out) v Northumberland. Fenner's: Hertfordshire 162-5 dec (A Needham 76 not out) and 229-6 dec (M Everett 69), Cambridgeshire 175-4 dec (B Roberts 60 not out) and 40-1. *Match drawn.* BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Wickford: Kent 256 (R P Davis 54); Essex 90 (M M Patel 4-19, E J Stanford 4-28) Kent won by 166 runs. Cardiff: Glamorgan 182 (D L Hemp 64), Gloucestershire 163-2 (M W Alleyne 84 not out). Gloucestershire won by 9 wickets. Trent Bridge: Lancashire 248-9 (M Harvey 74) Nottinghamshire 248-9 (J D Fitton 4-42) Nottinghamshire won by 1 wicket. Northampton: Northamptonshire 280-6 (R J Warren 125); Worcestershire 272-8 (W P C Weston 106) Northamptonshire won by 8 runs. Gloucester (King's School): Glamorgan 81-6 v Gloucestershire. No result. Southgate: Essex 256 (D D J Robinson 148 not out), MCC Young Cricketers 82-2. No result. Leicester: Leicestershire 155, Yorkshire 47-2. No result.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Berkhamsted festival: Framlingham 90, Monmouth 93-6, Berkhamsted 211-9, Kimbolton 146

GLIDING

ENSTONE: Open Nationals: no flying yesterday. Overall (after two days): 1, A Key (ASH25), 1,196pts; 2, R May (ASH25), 1,109; 3, C Pullen (ASH25), 994; 4, B Elliott (Nimbus 3), 993; 5, S Jones (Nimbus 3), 991; 6, C Davis (Nimbus 2), 986; 7, J Gorringe (ASH 25), 960; 8, M Thrussell (Nimbus C), 956; 9, G McAndrew (DG800), 897; 10, R Jones (Nimbus 4), 759

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Queensland under-21 26, England under-21 29 (at Ballymore)

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial meeting: Match rifle: Weekend aggregate trophy: 1, S/Ldr D Calvert (RAF), 563 6; 2, N Tremlett (OCRA), 562 57; 3, M Andrews (N London), 560 4. RG ammunition aggregate: 1, C Brook (UMRA), 448.34; 2, R Barnes (Can), 440.29; 3, S Thomas (Central Barkers), 440.29. Armourers gold medal (1,200 yds): 1, S Collings (Windsor), 95.08; 2, J Pugsley (Pessa), 93.04; 3, Calvert, 91.09. Martini Parr cup (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yds): 1, Calvert 288.34; 2, Pugsley 282.21; 3, D Lindsay (Combar), 281.29. Edge cup (1,100 and 1,200 yds): 1, N Cole-Hawkins (Twickenham), 190.19; 2, N Tremlett (OCRA), 183.14; 3, Collings, 181.15. Service rifle: United Services cup: 1, Regular Army, 1,810; 2, Royal Marines, 1,723; 3, RAF, 1,686. Overseas Challenge bowl: 1, Sultan of Oman's Forces, 1,747; 2, US Army Reserve, 1,708; 3, Australian Army, 1,673. Territorial Army championships: Dragon trophy (infantry units): 1, 4 Royal Green Jackets, 381; 2, 3 Cheshire, 373; 3, 2/51 Highland, 364. China cup (rifle and LMG): 1, 7 Light Infantry, 378; 2, 4 Royal Green Jackets, 364; 3, 2/51 Highland Division, 355. North Irish militia trophy (non-infantry): 1, 78 Engineer Regt. Lord Lieutenant's Trophy: Birmingham University OTC. Daily Telegraph cup: 1, 3 Prince of Wales Own, 1,280; 2, 3 Cheshire, 1,232; 3, 2/51 Highland, 1,228.

RNR championships: Neptune trophy (champion at arms): 1 L/S N Reddie (HMS Vivid), 391; 2, PO G Mayor (HMS Wessex), 371. Gibraltar cup (WRNR champion at arms): 1, Wren K Dix (HMS Vivid), 303, 2, AB R Alkson (HMS President), 280. Tyne trophy (service rifle champion): Raddle, 318. Turtle trophy (pyro champion at arms): O/S S Hodges, 1,845 Northern Command, 348. HMS Vulture cup (pistol): Raddle, 143. Duke of Westminster cup (inter-unit): HMS Flying Fox. Cock of the Fleet trophy (small arms efficiency): HMS Wessex.

Hopton cup (match rifle championship): 1, S Collings (Windsor), 967 *101*. 2, N Tremlett (OCRA), 952 *85*; 3, N Cole-Hawkins (Twickenham), 945 *85*. 1,200 yds aggregate cup: 1, Collings, 247.14. 2, M Hissey (N London), 244.14; 3, D Dashwood (Old Harrovians), 244.14. F W Jones trophy (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yds): 1, Blues and Purples, 827.7. 2, OCRA Spoon Club, 826.82; 3, NRC of Scotland, 812.58. Martini cup (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yds): 1, K Ritchie (English Vill), 213.22. 2, A Cargill-Thompson (Cambodge Univ), 212.20; 3, Collings, 212.20. Whitehead cup (inter-service pistol): 1, All Comers, 1,344. 2, RAF, 1,342; 3, *Regular Army*, 1,332. International service rifle trophy: 1, Britain, 2,758. 2, Australia, 2,687. 3, United States, 2,676. 4, Canada, 2,626. 5, Oman, 2,465

TENNIS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Northern Electric tournament: Men: First round: E Winogradsky (Fr) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; M Stading (Swe) bt W Arthurs (Aus), 7-6, 6-0; S Noszaly (Hun) bt C Marsh (SA), 3-6, 7-6, 6-0; S Yzaz (Aus) bt M Tobon (Col), 6-3, 6-1; N Marques (Por) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; V Santopadre (It) bt N Gould (GB), 6-4, 6-3; T Nelson (US) bt S Huet (Fr), 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; M Maciagan (GB) bt B Devening (US), 7-6, 7-5; A Mronz (Ger) bt P Campana (Ecu), 7-6, 6-4, 6-3.

FRINTON: LTA women's satellite tournament: First round: L Ahl bt M Wittke (Ger), 6-1, 6-0; Y Yoshida (Japan) bt A Brieger (Ger), 7-6, 3-6, 6-0; M Pawlik (Ger) bt T Carson, 6-4, 6-2; H Mochizuki (Japan) bt A Mark (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; K Croes bt E Roubanova (Russ), 6-1, 6-3; J Pullin bt M Hughes, 6-3, 6-3; Y Klompenhouwer (Hol) bt J Ward, 6-4, 7-5; L McShea (Aus) bt S Boulding, 6-1, 6-1; C Barclay (Aus) bt C Billingham, 6-4, 6-2; S Pamomenko (Russ) bt C Taylor, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; L Woodroffe bt Z Malik, 7-5, 6-1; A van Buuren (Hol) bt L Bois (Fr), 6-2, 6-4; R Mandelker (Aus) bt S Tee, 6-1, 6-1, J Dickerson (Aus) bt C Huns, 6-4, 6-2; M Avours (Aus) bt E Norje (Nam), 6-0, 6-2.

YOUILL CUP (at Eton): First round: Bedford Modern bt Magdalen CS, 2-1. Second round: Repton bt Shiplake, 2-0; Clifton bt Sevenoaks, 2-0; Harrow bt Wellingborough, 2-1; Whitgift bt Hymers, 2-1; Bedford Modern bt Eastbourne, 2-0; KCS Wimbledon bt Marlborough, 2-0; King's, Rochester bt Wolverhampton, 2-0; Nottingham HS bt Reigate GS, 2-0; Bradfield bt Warwick, 2-0; Trinity bt Leeds GS, 2-0. Third round: Repton bt Stafford, 2-0; St Paul's bt Harrow, 2-0; Whitgift bt Hymers, 2-1; Bedford Modern bt KCS Wimbledon, 2-0; Nottingham bt King's Rochester, 2-0; Trinity bt Bradfield, 2-1. Sevenoaks bt St George's, 2-0. Quarter-finals: Repton bt Cheltenham, 2-0; St Paul's bt Whitgift, 2-0; Bedford Modern bt Nottingham, 2-1; Sevenoaks bt Trinity, 2-0.

WITZENHAUSEN: Austrian women's open: First round: A Huber (Ger) bt Y Segal (Isr), 6-0, 6-1, J Wiesner (Austria) bt N van Lottum (Fr), 6-2, 6-2, F Labat (Arg) bt N Ercegovic (Cro), 1-6, 6-0, 6-4; S Dopfer (Austria) bt S Fanna (It), 6-1, 6-3; M-J Gardano (Arg) bt F Bentivoglio (It), 7-5, 6-2; E Zardo (Switz) bt N Dalkeen (Fin), 6-4, 6-3; V Martinek (Ger) bt P Bonsignori (It), 2-6, 6-0, 6-1; D Monami (Bel) bt A Fusai (Fr), 6-2, 6-3.

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

BUFFALO, New York: Baseball: South Korea 12, Canada 4; Taiwan 10, Italy 0; Japan 4, United States 3. Basketball: Men: Czech Republic 102, Israel 62; South Korea 94, Switzerland 85; Canada 84, China 75; Sweden 70, Britain 64; United States 93, Ireland 64, Estonia 111, Hong Kong 56; Finland 74, Morocco 36, Italy 89, Croatia 82; Turkey 71, Greece 70; Latvia 94, Gabon 73. Women: Romania 82, Taiwan 67; United States 72, Russia 55; Cuba 101, Japan 58; Israel 72, Canada 66; Lithuania 74, Germany 72; Sweden 111, Hong Kong 19; China 101, Ukraine 66. Fencing: Men's individual foil: Semi-finals: S Golubitsky (Ukr) bt L Plumenel (Fr), 2-0; A Koch (Ger) bt A Puccini (It), 2-1. Final: Golubitsky bt Koch, 2-0. Football: Women: United States 3, Taiwan 1; Japan 5, Australia 0. Gymnastics: Women's individual final: 1, T Lisenko (Ukr), 38.482; 2, L Stoubchataya (Ukr), 38.225; 3, B Evrard (Bel), 37.275. British placing: 16, R Odam, 34.350. Volleyball: Men: Spain 3, Greece 0; Poland 3, Lebanon 0; France 3, Indonesia 0; Canada 3, China 0; Hong Kong 3, Kazakhstan 0; Italy 3, Australia 0. Women: Romania 3, Russia 1; Switzerland 3, China 0; United States 3, Japan 0; Canada 3, Peru 1; France 3, Slovenia 0; Turkey 3, Latvia 1.

Nielsen: defeated

YACHTING

TEESSIDE ROUND BRITAIN AND IRELAND RACE: Third stage (Barra to Lerwick): 1, Lakota (D Scully and S Fossett, US), 1 day 16hr 51min. Overall: 4:03:57. Other positions after two legs: Class one: 2, QAB III (M Gatehouse and M Carter, GB), 3:07:11; 3, Enif (R Tolkien and P Fool, GB), 3:07:45; 4, Global Challenger (T Bullimore and K Pahl, GB), 3:13:50; 5, Tunici Rucanor Sport (D Gurnit and M Kleinjans, Bel), 3:15:55; 6, Ghoster (B and U Lyman, Den), 5:12:38. Class two: 1, Jusqu'au Bout du Monde (L Blanken and P Carpentier, Fr), 3:12:31. Class three: 1, Magic Machine (R Everdij and A Velan, Hol), 5:01:32 2. Class four: 1, Seetek (S Van Hagen and R Jaspers, Hol), 4:02:07; 2, ROC (K and D Hampton, GB), 5:12:31; 3, Oura de Berne (T Lutz and H Albrecht, Switz), 5:13:13. Class five: 1, Severalles Challenge (B Thompson and H Darvelid, GB), 3:26:59; 2, Fiery Cross (R Kidd and A Mitchell, GB), 4:03:57; 3, O11 (M Falk and J Pocock, GB), 4:21:12; 4, Drakker (R M Orellisse and P Vroon, Hol), 4:22:23; 5, Curlew (E Brainard and B Saltenstall, US), 5:00:11; 6, Jee Mags (J Newburn and S Appleby, GB), 5:09:45. Class six: 1, Mooi Khola (C Shepard and J Baggeley, GB), 5:09:40; 2, Alice's Mirror (J Freeman and J Trythall, GB), 5:12:38; 3, Victoire (D Koopmans and M Russchen, Hol), 6:00:37.

ABERSOCH: Henri Lloyd J24 world championships: Third race: 1, C Larson (US); 2, T Hutchinson (US); 3, K Read (US); 4, A McLelland (GB); 5, F Eusebio (It). Overall: 1, Read; 2, Hutchinson; 3, L Santella (It); 4, S Wilsen (US); 5, I Bashford (Aus).

THE TIMES CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

July 5 McLarens (at Northwood)
1, R Preedy, 35pts;
2, S Williams, 33
3, S Green-Wilkinson, 33
Top guest:
C Coates, 38
Aggregate score: 139

July 5 Cedar Street Limited (at Nizels)
1, N Fordham, 42pts;
2, P Barrett, 40
3, L Dyer, 38.
Top guest:
G Hawes, 33
Aggregate score: 153

July 6 Forum Holdings Ltd (at Walton Heath)
1, D Hannah, 36pts;
2, R Wod, 34
3, P Duckworth, 30.
Top guest:
P Sorsa, 29
Aggregate score: 129

July 6 Olivetti UK Ltd (at Brockett Hall)
1, P Tosi, 38pts;
2, D Bright-Thomas, 37
3, C Teasdale, 31.
Top guest:
M. Goodbun, 40
Aggregate score: 146

July 7 Megitt plc (at Worpelsdon)
1, S Watts, 40pts;
2, K Coates, 36
3, N McCorkell, 35.
Top guest: B Morris, 38
Aggregate score: 149

July 7 Coopers & Lybrand (at Hinckley)
1, R Templar, 35pts;
2, J Martin, 34
3, L Mowle, 34;
4, N Meredith, 32
Aggregate score: 135

July 8 Hyatt Hotels & Resort (at Mannings Heath)
1, C Senior, 36pts;
2, L Vizard, 36
3, D Sparrow, 33.
Top guest: E Button, 37
Aggregate score: 142

July 8 Hodgsons (at Dunham Forest)
1, L Freedman, 38pts;
2, L Izquierdo, 36
3, D Mond, 25.
Top guest: M Brookes, 39
Aggregate score: 138

July 9 Amoco UK Exploration Co (at Stowe Poges)
1, D Turney, 33pts;
2, J Platt, 32
3, A Lund, 27.
Top guest: N Platt, 32
Aggregate score: 124

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Government plan increases hopes of Sunday racing

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE prospect of regular Sunday racing moved a step closer yesterday when the prime minister and home secretary came out in favour of total deregulation of the archaic Sunday trading laws.

Although racing will almost certainly have to wait until a Sunday trading bill reaches the statute book, probably next summer, the stance of the government will increase confidence that it is prepared to reform the gaming laws, which currently prevent cash betting on a Sunday. The publication of the government's views coincided with the launch yesterday of plans for Lingfield's Sunday race meeting, to be staged on August 1.

After the success of Sunday meetings last year at Doncaster and Cheltenham, the Sunday Racing Campaign decided to hold a third meeting at Lingfield. Nigel Clark, the campaign chairman, described the aim as "to keep the issue in the front of the mind and to reaffirm the public's wish to go racing on the one day which is accepted as the favourite leisure opportunity of the week."

Clark added: "Unlike every other sport and leisure activity in Britain, we are prevented by the betting laws from staging a normal race meeting on a Sunday. Yet on the last three Sundays we have had the Irish Derby at the Curragh, the Wimbledon finals and the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

The stumbling block for racing concerns the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act. Until the anomaly which allows credit betting and gaming in casinos on Sunday but prohibits all forms of cash betting, is removed, normal racing on Sundays cannot take place.

Lingfield, which has one of the more innovative racecourse managements, is planning a 12-hour "Country Festival of Racing", where the accent will be on family entertainment with country music playing as large a part as the racing.

Apart from seven thoroughbred races on the all-weather and turf tracks, which will be screened live by Sky, there will be two quarter horse races and a western riding display.

The record crowd at Lingfield is 9,700, achieved on Derby Trial Day in 1986, but Tony Sunley, managing director of Lingfield, commented: "We will be disappointed if the Sunday crowd is less than 10,000. We are aiming for 15,000 and preparing contingency measures to handle more than that."

The British Horseracing Board, which has inherited the Sunday Racing Campaign from the Jockey Club, has also been lobbying Westminster and Whitehall over the potentially damaging effect of the proposed national lottery on betting. A submission made to the government estimated it could cost racing between £8 and £9 million in lost levy.

Racing's new rulers have been seeking a commitment from government to monitor the impact of the lottery on betting turnover and the levy when it comes into being next year. After a recent parliamentary debate, Viscount Astor, a government spokesman in the Lords, formally promised to "regularly monitor" the effect of the lottery on levy income.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the BHB, said yesterday: "This is a significant step forward as far as racing is concerned. It demonstrates the value and effectiveness of our political lobbying and we are grateful to the government for the positive response they have made in this area."

If the lottery prompts a reduction in levy, it will strengthen racing's case for a further cut in betting duty, which currently provides the government with £320 million a year. "There is a good case to be made for a reduction in betting duty irrespective of the lottery, but clearly the lottery gives it added urgency."

Nap: FOURFORFUN
(7.55 Sandown Park)
Next best: Bodari
(8.55 Sandown Park)

Hayes ponders move

DAVID Hayes, Australia's leading trainer, confirmed yesterday he will apply for a licence to train in Hong Kong. Hayes, 31, said that if his application is successful he would take up a position in Hong Kong in about a year.

Hayes has trained more than 800 winners since taking over from his father, Colin, three years ago. "I thought it might be a timely move to have a go at it for a short time," he said. "I'm only young and I could come back as a 35-year-old and start again here."

As a further affirmation of the attractions of Hong Kong racing, Hayes added that the sport there offered expansion at a time when Australian racing had stopped growing.

In 1991, Hayes, whose stable has included the former Japan Cup winner, Better Loosen Up, became the first trainer to reach Aus$10 million (some £4.6 million) in prize-money in a season. The previous record was held by his father.

No I team: Zafonic and Pat Eddery are in good heart for their Goodwood assignment

Zafonic primed for Sussex

ZAFONIC delighted Pat Eddery during a racecourse gallop in France yesterday and is now on course for the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood on July 28 (Richard Evans writes). The 2,000 Guineas winner looked magnificent when he appeared at Evry and worked over a mile with two stable companions, Ballet Royal and Campanology, following the second race of the day.

Zafonic tracked his two pacemakers and, with Eddery sitting motionless, cruised up to join the pair in the straight before going half a length clear with the minimum of fuss. It was anything but a strenuous gallop.

"I am very pleased," Eddery said. "He went well but we did not go flat out. Andre Fabre just told me to follow the two pacemakers and join them in the straight."

Asked how Zafonic would cope with the undulations and bends at Goodwood, Eddery added: "He should be suited by any racecourse because he has a lovely action and is so well balanced."

Grant Pritchard Gordon, racing manager to Zafonic's owner, Khaled Abdulla, said: "He will definitely go for the Sussex Stakes. Today was just an outing and he did nothing earth-shattering, but Pat was pleased with him."

Zafonic has not raced since winning the 2,000 Guineas in spectacular style, having missed the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot because of soft going. Among the opposition in Goodwood's showpiece event will be Sayyedati, who has also been off the racecourse since winning the 1,000 Guineas.

☐ Fatherland, trained by Vincent O'Brien, and Richard Hannon's Revelation contest the group two Prix Eugene Adam at Saint-Cloud this afternoon.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

6.25 Battling Blue
6.55 Lady Lacey
7.25 Alqairawaan
7.55 Chili Heights
8.25 Sparky's Song
8.55 BODARI (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.25 DANCE FOCUS (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.25 SPARKY'S SONG.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.25 AHEAD OF THE FIELD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,415: 5f 6yd) (5 runners)

101 (5) 4 BATTLING BLUE 6 (D Thompson) R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 94
102 (2) 2 DANCE FOCUS 6 (N Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0 ... T Ives 99
103 (1) 35 MAJOR SUCCESS 22 (W Gredley) B Hills 9-0 ... D Holland 82
104 (4) 002 SPORTING START 14 (Sporting Partners) M Usher 9-0 ... N Adams 79
105 (3) WHITE LADY (Mrs D Hanson) M Channon 8-9 ... W Carson –

BETTING: 4-9 Battling Blue, 5-1 Dance Focus, 7-1 Major Success, 14-1 White Lady, 16-1 Sporting Start

1992: REALITIES 9-0 J Reid (3-1) G Harwood 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BATTLING BLUE 5½l 4th of 14 to Magnasonic in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). DANCE FOCUS 1½l 2nd of 7 to Selhurstpark Flyer in a maiden at Redcar (5f, firm). MAJOR SUCCESS 4l 5th of 7 to Cabcharge Princess in a maiden auction at Bath (5f, good to soft). SPORTING START 2l 2nd of 6 to Minam in a maiden at Warwick (5f, firm). WHITE LADY (foaled Mar 8, cost 9,400gns) Half-sister by Risk Me to 6f winner Persistent Bell.
Selection: BATTLING BLUE (nap)

6.55 HARPERS & QUEEN SELLING HANDICAP
(£3,311: 1m 1f) (18 runners)

201 (1) 0-05204 ROLY WALLACE 8 (B,F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-10-0 ... D Biggs 97
202 (3) 246-003 WAAZA 6 (B) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 4-9-11 ... D Harrison (3) 92
203 (7) 5130-05 HENBURY HALL 9 (D,G) (A Gaunt) M Barraclough 5-9-10 ... F Norton 91
204 (16) 30-0006 LER CRU 11 (F) (J Ffitch-Heyes) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-9-9 ... T Williams 99
205 (8) 5000-50 VALIANT WORDS 9 (B,C,F,G) (R Smyth) R Akehurst 6-9-8 ... T Quinn 91
206 (10) 005 AUNT ADA 13 (M Sampson) R Rowe 4-9-6 ... L Dettori 92
207 (2) 020604 LADY LACEY 25 (V,F,G,S) (Mrs K Perrin) G Balding 6-9-6 ... J Williams 98
208 (12) 0665-5 BILLYBACK 62 (M Ryan) M Ryan 3-9-4 ... W Carson 90
209 (5) 40-6045 CHOUETTE 19 (A Stroge) P Mitchell 3-9-3 ... W Newnes 96
210 (4) 620080 TADORA 50 (G) (R Lamb) C Benstead 4-9-3 ... B Rouse 98
211 (17) 050000 BLOWING 13 (G Harwood) G Harwood 3-9-1 ... M Perrett 97
212 (11) 400-000 RED SOMBRERO 58 (J Hall) R Brotherton 4-9-0 ... A Clark 95
213 (18) 450/00 ABSOLUTELY HUMMING 9 (B,G) (Miss V Markowski) J Long 7-9-0 ... N Adams –
214 (14) 410-002 KELLY'S KITE 19 (F,G) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 5-8-13 ... J Quinn 97
215 (13) 600-060 NORMAN WARRIOR 23 (V,S) (Mrs P Lunn) D Morris 4-8-12 ... C Hodgson (5) 94
216 (9) 400000 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 25 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 3-8-10 ... J Reid 90
217 (6) 220000 EXCESS BAGGAGE 13 (G) (F Golding) H Callaghan 3-8-10 ... Pat Eddery 92
218 (15) 0350/00 SLICK CHERRY 16 (F,G) (H Redknapp) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-9 ... B Doyle (3) –

BETTING: 7-1 Lady Lacey, 8-1 Valiant Words, Tadora, 9-1 Kelly's Kite, 10-1 Excess Baggage, Chouette, Ler Cru, 12-1 Billyback, Waaza, Roly Wallace, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ROLY WALLACE ¾l 4th of 14 to Spanish Verdict in a handicap at Pontefract (1m, firm). WAAZA 5l 3rd of 8 to Touch Above in a handicap at Redcar (1m 1f, firm). HENBURY HALL 6¾l 5th of 14 to Wild Strawberry in a handicap at Windsor (1m 110yd, good to firm) with ABSOLUTELY HUMMING (3lb better off) 7l 12th. LER CRU 6¾l 6th of 11 to Dam Certain in a claiming handicap at Bath (1m, firm). VALIANT WORDS 12l 9th of 12 to Bentico in a handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). LADY LACEY 5l 4th of 9 to Athar in a handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, good to soft). BILLYBACK 6½l 5th of 10 to Jadirah in a handicap at Brighton (1m, firm). BLOWING 7¾l 7th of 9 to Alderney Prince in a handicap at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). KELLY'S KITE ½l 2nd of 12 to Royal Girl in a handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm).
Selection: LADY LACEY

7.25 JENNIFER'S DIARY HANDICAP SKY
(£4,713: 1m 6f) (10 runners)

301 (3) 10/1-103 PHARAMINEUX 19 (CD,BF,F,G) (R Rotman) R Akehurst 7-10-0 ... T Quinn 92
302 (8) 10-3303 FREE MOVER 19 (G) (Chess Racing) N Graham 4-9-8 ... W Carson 96
303 (5) 165402 SWORD MASTER 19 (G) (I Vogt) Bob Jones 4-9-7 ... W R Swinburn 95
304 (6) 230061 LOBILIO 11 (V,C,F,G) (Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-5 ... B Marcus 99
305 (2) 32328-5 ROMANSH 16 (S) (J Davey Beverton) Miss J Doyle 4-9-5 ... J Reid 88
306 (1) 030 MAD CASANOVA 22 (B) (M Marchant) R O'Sullivan 8-9-1 ... D McCabe (5) 90
307 (4) 3-00035 ALQAIRAWAAN 33 (Mrs J Sutcliffe) J Sutcliffe 4-8-5 ... Pat Eddery 95
308 (7) 230/02 BALLY KNIGHT 15 (F) (N Lunn) D Morris 7-8-3 ... C Hodgson (5) 97
309 (9) 536010 JAMES IS SPECIAL 18 (D,G) (J Thomas) H Collingridge 5-7-12 ... J Quinn 93
310 (10) 0/6-0143 FACT OR FICTION 5 (B,BF,F,G) (Miss B Sanders) Miss B Sanders 7-7-9 N Adams 95

BETTING: 4-1 Pharamineux, 9-2 Free Mover, 5-1 Alqairawaan, 6-1 Sword Master, 13-2 Lobilio, 10-1 Fact Or Fiction, 12-1 Bally Knight, 16-1 James Is Special, 25-1 others.

1992: JUNGLE DANCER 4-9-2 D Holland (7-1) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PHARAMINEUX beat Muse head in a 15-runner handicap over course and distance (firm) last month with ALQAIRAWAAN (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd and BALLY KNIGHT (6lb better off) 9¾l 11th. FREE MOVER 1½l 3rd of 6 to Amazon Express in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). SWORD MASTER 1½l 3rd of 4 to Tarnoudant in a handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm) with PHARAMINEUX (4lb better off) 6l 3rd. LOBILIO beat Knock Knock 5l in a 6-runner handicap here (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm). ALQAIRAWAAN 2¾l 5th of 12 to Mull House in a handicap over course and distance (good). BALLY KNIGHT short-head 2nd of 8 to Full Quiver in an apprentice handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm). JAMES IS SPECIAL beat Philgun 1l in an 8-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: PHARAMINEUX

7.55 TOWN AND COUNTY POMMERY HANDICAP SKY
(3-Y-O: £5,015: 7f 16yd) (16 runners)

401 (7) 111-263 YOURS BY RIGHT 14 (F,G,S) (J Turner) W G M Turner 9-7 ... D McCabe (5) 92
402 (4) 14-0030 CHILI HEIGHTS 26 (S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 9-3 ... L Dettori 92
403 (3) 325455- PISTOL 223 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 9-2 ... D Harrison (3) 85
404 (9) 60-1144 FOURFORFUN 22 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs R Kniper) R Hannon 9-2 ... Mark Denaro (7) 89
405 (10) 216- PLUCK 295 (G) (Lord Derby) R Charlton 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 86
406 (11) 453400 ERTLON 6 (C Brittain) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Marcus 95
407 (1) 0-30650 SIMPLY SOOTY 12 (S) (Mrs S Joint) B Millman 8-13 ... J Lowe 91
408 (8) 04-2106 SIMPLY FINESSE 19 (D,F) (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 8-13 ... T Quinn 93
409 (5) 042031 SECOND CHANCE 5 (D,F,S) (Down and Outs) P Mitchell 8-13 (5ex) ... W Newnes 90
410 (16) 35240-5 CITY ROCKET 19 (Mrs C Walford) P Makin 8-12 ... W R Swinburn 87
411 (14) 12-040 TAAHHUB 14 (B,D,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11 ... W Carson 99
412 (12) 000-465 OK BERTIE 12 (P Newman) D Morris 8-10 ... C Hodgson (5) 96
413 (2) 12-3293 ERLKING 120 (G) (Lady Newman) Lord Huntingdon 8-8 ... A Munro 86
414 (13) 12-0250 SPECIAL ONE 32 (G) (Mrs C Shove) J Hills 8-7 ... D Holland 86
415 (15) 0026 BELFRY GREEN 44 (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 8-6 ... A Clark 95
416 (6) 4-22563 BOLD THATCHER 26 (Independents) P Harris 8-6 ... F Norton 98

BETTING: 6-1 Bold Thatcher, 13-2 Fourforfun, 7-1 Simply Finesse, 8-1 Pluck, Noble Risk, 10-1 Tahhub, 12-1 Erlking, Yours By Right, 14-1 Chili Heights, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

YOURS BY RIGHT ½l 3rd of 12 to Echo-Logical in a handicap at Epsom (7f, firm) with SECOND CHANCE (3lb worse off) 6¾l 9th. CHILI HEIGHTS ¾l 3rd of 14 to Sure Lord in a handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). FOURFORFUN 3¾l 4th of 9 to Mostahil in a handicap at Warwick (1m, good). PLUCK beat Landrail 2l in a 9-runner maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good). SIMPLY FINESSE beat BELFRY GREEN (7lb better off) 2½l in a 7-runner maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). ERLKING 1½l 3rd of 9 to Saih in a claimer at Lingfield (AW, 1m). BOLD THATCHER 4l 3rd of 9 to Field Of Vision in a handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm). SECOND CHANCE beat Tamside Rosal 1l in a 6-runner conditions race at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm).
Selection: CHILI HEIGHTS

8.25 SMART INSIDER CLAIMING STAKES SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,246: 1m 2f 7yd) (11 runners)

501 (3) 00-1320 CHAPPUCCI 26 (V,S) (M Jarvis) M Jarvis 8-13 ... W R Swinburn 80
502 (9) 04 WOLLBOLL 40 (M Weaver) P Makin 8-11 ... T Sprake –
503 (8) 004435 ITS UNBELIEVABLE 14 (G Hopkins) J White 8-10 ... D Wright (5) 84
504 (5) 0-02044 REGALSETT 14 (F) (G Mizel) R Hannon 8-10 ... T Quinn 91
505 (2) 0- AMAZING AIR 287 (Exors of the late Mrs H Senn) D Elsworth 8-7 ... J Williams –
506 (11) 3-05320 PISTOLS AT DAWN 21 (BF) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-6 ... J Reid 82
507 (1) 000 BERING ISLAND 9 (BF) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-5 ... Pat Eddery 86
508 (7) 0-000 BARSLEY 23 (B Oliver) J Jenkins 8-1 ... B Doyle (3) –
509 (10) 00000U ARRAS ROYALE 2 (Arrass Racing) J Long 8-0 ... N Adams 61
510 (4) 12-0053 FORMAL AFFAIR 28 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-0 ... D Biggs 98
511 (6) 0-00201 SPARKY'S SONG 19 (D,F) (Mrs A Barwick) J Hills 8-0 ... D Harrison (3) 99

BETTING: 5-2 Sparky's Song, 100-30 Bering Island, 4-1 Regalsett, 7-1 Formal Affair, 10-1 Pistols At Dawn, 16-1 Chiappucci, 20-1 others.

1992: KANDY SECRET 8-7 Pat Eddery (3-1) R Hannon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ITS UNBELIEVABLE 12¾l 5th of 7 to Halham Tarn in a maiden at Epsom (1m 2f, firm). REGALSETT 4¾l 4th of 8 to The Executor in a claimer at Epsom (1m 114yd, firm). PISTOLS AT DAWN was a 7l 8th of 16 to War Requiem in a maiden handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, good). BERING ISLAND was 4¾l 9th of 15 to Misty View in a claimer at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm). FORMAL AFFAIR was 4l 3rd of 8 to Don't Forget Marie in a apprentice claimer at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to soft). SPARKY'S SONG beat Bobbysoxer by 1½l in a 9-runner maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: REGALSETT

8.55 LBC NEWSTALK 97.3 FM HANDICAP SKY
(£4,622: 5f 6yd) (13 runners)

601 (10) 330211 BALLASECRET 4 (D,F,G,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 5-10-6 (6ex) ... D Meredith (5) 98
602 (6) 010202 METAL BOYS 11 (D,F,G) (R Wilkinson) Miss L Siddall 6-9-12 ... D Harrison (3) 93
603 (4) 0-01010 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 26 (CD,F,S) (E Young) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-11 ... T Quinn 94
604 (13) 410-650 LOVE RETURNED 41 (D,F,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 6-9-10 ... M Tebbutt 87
605 (2) 000005 BODARI 11 (CD,F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-9-7 ... D Holland 96
606 (1) 344214 MISTER JOLSON 21 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 4-9-4 ... S Drowne (7) 90
607 (3) 0-34000 BELLS OF LONGWICK 22 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 4-9-0 ... T Williams 96
608 (7) 3-0001U SEA-DEER 18 (D,G) (P Cook) L Holt 4-8-7 ... A Munro 94
609 (5) 232231 TRIOMING 7 (D,F) (A King) A Jones 7-8-2 ... A Clark 99
610 (12) 095-500 AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 7 (B,F,G,S) (D Borrows) T Naughton 6-8-2 ... F Norton 83
611 (11) 06-0000 SKI CAPTAIN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (A Barnett) P Howling 9-7-9 ... D Biggs 86
612 (8) 006406 JOE SUGDEN 14 (D,F,G,S) (P Davies) P Howling 9-7-9 ... J Lowe 96
613 (9) 0-00003 SPECTACLE JIM 16 (J Harrow) J O'Donoghue 4-7-7 ... N Adams 89

Long handicap: Spectacle Jim 7-3

BETTING: 4-1 Trioming, 5-1 Ballasecret, Bodari, 6-1 Mister Jolson, 7-1 Metal Boys, 10-1 Sea-Deer, 12-1 Joe Sugden, Love Returned, 16-1 others.

1992: OLIFANTSFONTEIN 4-9-2 W Ryan (8-1) R Simpson 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLASECRET beat Truthful Image 1½l in a 12-runner handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). Earlier short-head 2nd of 10 to Saligny in a handicap at Salisbury (5f, good) with MISTER JOLSON (10lb better off) 5½l 4th and BODARI (12lb better off) 4½l 7th. METAL BOYS 3l 2nd of 9 to Noordora in a handicap at Beverley (5f, firm). LORD HIGH ADMIRAL beat Dominuet 1l in an 8-runner handicap at Haydock (5f, soft) on penultimate start. BODARI 3½l 5th of 13 to Magic Orb in a handicap over course and distance (good to firm). SEA-DEER beat TRIOMING (1lb better off) head in a 7-runner handicap at Newbury (5f, good) with BELLS OF LONGWICK (9lb better off) 12l 7th.
Selection: TRIOMING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Makin	8	34	23.5	Pat Eddery	49	275	17.8
G Harwood	18	85	21.2	D Biggs	5	31	16.1
M Channon	8	49	16.3	W R Swinburn	27	171	15.8
J Sutcliffe	7	43	16.3	T Quinn	24	153	15.7
B W Hills	12	75	16.0	L Dettori	18	122	14.8
Lord Huntingdon	10	67	14.9	D Harrison	7	51	13.7

☐ John Dunlop's Ecu De France finished fifth of six to Kirov Premiere in the Ulster Harp Derby Handicap at Down Royal yesterday. Ridden by Lester Piggott, Ecu De France struggled to go the pace and was beaten around four lengths by the Jim Bolger-trained favourite. Piggott earlier enjoyed success for Curragh trainer Eddie Harty on the odds-on Elizabeth's Pet in the KPMG Peat Marwick Maiden Stakes.

[YARMOUTH]

THUNDERER

6.35 Pageboy. 7.05 Passion Sunday. 7.35 Ruby Cooper. 8.05 Petula. 8.35 Julfaar. 9.05 Surrey Dancer.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.05 Petula.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.35 ANGLIAN RACING CLUB HANDICAP
(£3,172: 6f 3yd) (8 runners)

1 4201 SAMSOLOM 11 (D,F,G) P Howling 5-10-0 ... K Darley 3
2 0002 PAGEBOY 8 (D,F) P Haslam 4-9-6 ... R Cochrane 4
3 6200 WALK THAT WALK 14 (G) K Wingrove 4-9-4 K Pattinson (7) 7
4 6026 BILL MOON 16 (D,F,G) P Felden 7-8-12 Michael Denaro (7) 6
5 0006 RACING TELEGRAPH 16 (CD,G) J Pearce 3-8-12 M Wigham 5
6 6333 LORD NASKRA 4 (V,D,G) W O'Gorman 4-8-11 ... Emma O'Gorman (5) 2
7 3250 HONEY VISION 79 (G) G Eden 4-8-2 ... G Bardwell 8
8 4060 AEDEAN 9 (B,D,G) C Horgan 4-8-2 ... E Johnson 1

5-2 Pageboy, 11-4 Samsolom, 4-1 Lord Naskra, 7-1 Racing Telegraph, 8-1 Bill Moon, 10-1 Walk That Walk, Honey Vision, 16-1 Aedean.

7.05 HARRISON SELLING STAKES SKY
(2-Y-O: £2,385: 7f 3yd) (5)

1 4421 PASSION SUNDAY 9 (D,F) M H Easterby 8-11 ... K Darley 5
2 583 BERNIE'S SISTER 14 C Allen 8-6 ... G Forster (7) 1
3 0 FILCH 22 (V) Mrs L Piggott 8-6 ... G Milligan (7) 4
4 0 LITTLE BID 7 B Hanbury 8-6 ... J Tate (5) 2
5 00 SILVER SLIPPER 21 R Hannon 8-6 ... M Roberts 3

4-5 Passion Sunday, 5-2 Bernie's Sister, 4-1 Silver Slipper, 7-1 Little Bid, 8-1 Filch.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 15 winners from 53 runners, 28.3%; J Gosden, 16 from 72, 22.2%; H Thomson Jones, 10 from 55, 18.2%; S Woods, 3 from 20, 15.0%; L Cumani, 13 from 87, 14.9%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 12 from 83, 14.5%.

JOCKEYS: Michael Denaro, 3 wins from 10 rides, 30.0%; P Robinson, 8 from 44, 18.2%; W Woods, 4 from 24, 16.7%; M Hills, 11 from 67, 16.4%; R Hills, 18 from 111, 16.2%.

All engagements (dead): Norway Spruce and Two Left Feet. The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes: Firing Line.

7.35 APPLEGATE FILLIES HANDICAP SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,158: 1m 3yd) (8)

1 001 ASTERN 27 (D,G) J Gosden 9-7 ... M Roberts 5
2 0653 DALALAH 13 (F) H Thomson Jones 9-5 ... R Hills 1
3 835 CRYSTAL REAY 28 (BF) L Cumani 9-4 ... R Cochrane 2
4 -164 TRIANGLEPOINT 19 (D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ... P Robinson 3
5 -040 ROCK THE BOAT 26 R Hannon 8-11 ... K Darley 6
6 4330 RUBY COOPER 7 (B) P Howling 8-8 ... N Day 7
7 5236 STARLIGHT ROSE 19 C Horgan 8-3 ... E Johnson 8
8 0000 GREY WATCH 13 (B) P Howling 7-7 ... N Carlisle 4

9-4 Astern, 7-2 Dalalah, 4-1 Crystal Reay, 6-1 Trianglepoint, Rock The Boat, 10-1 Starlight Rose, 14-1 Ruby Cooper, 20-1 Grey Watch.

8.05 SES INSTRUMENTATION MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES SKY
(2-Y-O: £3,158: 6f 3yd) (6)

1 HERR TRIGGER Dr J Scargill 9-0 ... R Cochrane 4
2 POLISH ADMIRAL C Wall 9-0 ... N Day 3
3 TIN VENTURE S Woods 9-0 ... W Woods 6
4 BRADWELL M Tompkins 8-9 ... P Robinson 1
5 3 PETULA 7 M Bell 8-9 ... M Hills 2
6 5 TEXANNE 48 A Smith (Bel) 8-9 ... Paul Smith 5

2-5 Petula, 5-1 Texanne, 7-1 Bradwell, 10-1 Herr Trigger, 12-1 others.

8.35 COURTHOUSE CLAIMING STAKES SKY
(£2,660: 2m) (6)

1 0255 JULFAAR 4 (F) J Pearce 6-9-10 ... K Darley 2
2 00 RAPINSKI 16 K Wingrove 4-9-8 ... T Wall 1
3 006 MISTRESS BEE 62 D Morley 4-9-5 ... R Hills 6
4 06-1 QUIET RIOT 11 (F,G,S) J White 11-9-5 ... R Price 5
5 2332 POST IMPRESSIONIST 9 (BF) J Harris 4-9-4 ... R Cochrane 4
6 0004 EARLY TO RISE 19 C Cyzer 3-8-7 ... J D Smith (7) 3

6-4 Post Impressionist, 9-4 Quiet Riot, 3-1 Julfaar, 5-1 Early To Rise, 12-1 Mistress Bee, 16-1 Rapinski.

9.05 HORNING HANDICAP
(£3,054: 1m 2f 21yd) (6)

1 0984 SURREY DANCER 22 (CD,F,G,S) B Hanbury 5-9-10 ... B Raymond 2
2 3621 OVERPOWER 13 (CD,F,S) M Tompkins 9-9-8 ... S Mulvey (7) 5
3 1110 DUVEEN 7 (D,F,G,S) M Bell 3-9-6 ... M Fenton (3) 1
4 0030 TALENTED TING 8 (D,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-5 ... N Carlisle 3
5 0015 CAST THE LINE 22 (G) A Stewart 3-9-2 ... M Roberts 4
6 2450 MISTER BLAKE 37 (B,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-3 ... Emma O'Gorman (5) 6

2-1 Duveen, 11-4 Overpower, Cast The Line, 5-1 Surrey Dancer, 7-1 Duveen, 10-1 Talented Ting.

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

2.30 Beneficiary. 3.00 Carrolls Marc. 3.30 Nawahil. 4.00 Truthful Image. 4.30 Laurel Queen. 5.00 Our Mica.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Nawahil.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 HUDDERSFIELD SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,406: 7f) (13 runners)

1 0 GUYLAIN 13 (V) P Calver 8-11 ... Dale Gibson 3
2 0 HIGHFIELD LAD 49 T Fairhurst 8-11 ... J Fanning 1
3 304 JUST BILL 11 J Etherington 8-11 ... S Webster 9
4 1035 LYING EYES 11 (BF,S) W G M Turner 8-11 ... P McCabe (7) 13
5 4 NEW INN 13 E Weymes 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 8
6 10 SURPRISE BREEZE 60 (F) R Whitaker 8-11 ... A Culhane 11
7 0 VAN DIEMEN'S LAD 9 M Johnston 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 6
8 4 BENEFICIARY 37 M H Easterby 8-6 ... M Birch 12
9 00 BILL POSTER 25 (B) J Berry 8-6 ... J Carroll 10
10 004 LADY SWIFT 2 K Hogg 8-6 ... A Garth (5) 5
11 0003 SPRING STAR 14 Mrs V Aconley 8-6 ... A McGlone 2
12 0 WAKE UP TO REALITY 14 W Bentley 8-6 ... R Lappin 4
13 354 WOODLAND WHISPER 9 P Haslam 8-6 ... W Ryan 7

7-2 New Inn, 4-1 Beneficiary, 9-2 Surprise Breeze, 6-1 Just Bill, Spring Star, 8-1 Lying Eyes, 10-1 Van Diemen's Lad, Woodland Whisper, 12-1 others

3.00 WAKEFIELD HANDICAP
(£2,898: 1m 4f 44yd) (8)

1 4550 MADAGANS GREY 78J (F,G,S) R Boss 5-9-12 ... W Woods 2
2 -601 MYSTIC MEMORY 7 (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9 (5ex) ... Darren Moffatt (5) 3
3 3061 MARCHMAN 18 (D,F) J King 8-9-6 ... Paul Eddery 7
4 R0-0 CARROLLS MARC 16 (CD,G) P Haslam 5-9-2 ... Dale Gibson 8
5 5164 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 12 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-8-12 ... J Carroll 6
6 3063 DUGGAN 8 (CD,F,G) P Evans 6-8-5 ... J Weaver (3) 5
7 4463 SUPER BLUES 12 T Barron 6-8-5 ... W Ryan 4
8 0566 HOT PUNCH 44 P Calver 4-7-12 ... J Fanning 1

9-4 Mystic Memory, 11-4 Marchman, 11-2 Eire Leath-Sceal, 7-1 Super Blues, 8-1 Duggan, 10-1 Carrolls Marc, 16-1 others.

3.30 DEWSBURY MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,348: 1m 5f 175yd) (7)

1 ASLAN 119J J FitzGerald 5-9-7 ... W R Swinburn 4
2 0 COUREUR 8 J Bethell 4-9-7 ... D Wilkinson 2
3 006 MIDDLEHAM CASTLE 9 M Johnston 4-9-7 ... Paul Eddery 1
4 63-5 DOVER PATROL 13 H Cecil 3-8-6 ... W Ryan 7
5 06 CHARLOTTE DUNDAS 15 J Gosden 3-8-1 ... J Carroll 6
6 3-0 MICHAELA MIA 7 D Loder 3-8-1 ... J Weaver (3) 5
7 33 NAWAHIL 34 (BF) A Stewart 3-8-1 ... R Hills 3

9-4 Nawahil, 5-2 Dover Patrol, 3-1 Charlotte Dundas, 5-1 Michaela Mia, 8-1 Aslan, 14-1 Middleham Castle, 16-1 Coureur.

4.00 HALIFAX FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,114: 5f 212yd) (6)

1 30/ SHE'S SMART 649 (F) M H Easterby 5-10-0 ... M Birch 2
2 0022 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 4 (B,BF,D,F,G) M Ryan 4-9-10 ... P McCabe (7) 1
3 8002 MISS HAGGIS 8 (F,G) R Boss 4-9-6 ... W Woods 6
4 -022 DESERT VENUS 25 (BF) B Hanbury 3-8-13 ... W R Swinburn 5
5 0404 ANGELS ANSWER 2 (S) Mrs M Reveley 4-7-11 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 3
6 0403 SUNRISE MORNING 14 (B) P Chapple-Hyam 3-7-11 F Norton 4

5-2 Miss Haggis, 3-1 Truthful Image, 7-2 Desert Venus, 9-2 Sunrise Morning, 8-1 Angels Answer, 16-1 She's Smart.

4.30 LEYBURN LIMITED STAKES (£3,199: 7f) (3)

1 050- GENTLE HERO 209 (D,F,G,S) M Naughton 7-9-0 I Jardine (7) 2
2 2112 LAUREL QUEEN 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 5-8-9 ... J Carroll 1
3 -360 SYLVAN 12 (V,F,G) C Wall 4-8-9 ... W R Swinburn 3

Evens Sylvan, 11-8 Laurel Queen, 11-2 Gentle Hero.

5.00 LEEDS HANDICAP (£3,106: 5f) (8)

1 -500 SABO SONG 27 (B,D,F) P Haslam 3-8-10 ... S Webster 5
2 0052 SIR TASKER 5 (D,F,G) J Harris 5-9-8 ... Paul Eddery 8
3 0000 GEMINI FIRE 8 (CD,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-9-6 ... J Weaver (3) 4
4 3240 GUSSIE FINK-NOTTLE 8 (B,BF) T Barron 3-9-0 ... W Ryan 7
5 0-00 WHISPERDALES 30 (D,F) M Elleby 3-8-12 ... S Morris 3
6 00-3 KABCAST 9 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-9 ... S Wood 6
7 2253 OUR MICA 6 (B,D,S) J Berry 3-8-4 ... J Carroll 1
8 -000 SHALAKO 41 K Hogg 3-7-13 ... A Garth (5) 2

11-4 Gussie Fink-Nottle, 7-2 Sir Tasker, 4-1 Our Mica, 5-1 Kabcast, 8-1 Gemini Fire, 10-1 Sabo Song, 14-1 Whisperdales, 16-1 Shalako.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 11 winners from 22 runners, 50%; J Gosden, 9 from 22, 40.9%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 9, 33.3%; R Boss, 3 from 12, 25%; Mrs M Reveley, 12 from 51, 23.5%; A Stewart, 4 from 18, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 3 from 8, 37.5%; J Carroll, 27 from 152, 17.8%; W Ryan, 9 from 51, 17.6%; F Norton, 7 from 40, 17.5%; J Weaver, 5 from 34, 14.7%; M Birch, 23 from 165, 13.9%.

☐ Roger Harris, who trained more than 100 winners during an eight year stint in Oslo, gained his first success in Britain when Nigel's Lucky Girl was successful at Folkestone yesterday.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.15 Ballerina Bay. 2.45 Wandering Angel. 3.15 Stardust Express. 3.45 Night Snow. 4.15 Goodbye Millie. 4.45 Shujan.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 CHELSEA HANDICAP
(£3,209: 1m) (10 runners)

1 5413 BALLERINA BAY 8 (V,CD,F,G) D Thom 5-9-13 ... G Duffield 8
2 416 JAKE THE PAKE 18 (C,G) K Burke 3-9-13 ... T Quinn 3
3 3123 CHARLIE BIGTIME 12 (CD,G) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-7 A Munro 6
4 -001 MUSIC DANCER 12 (C,G) R Spicer 4-9-6 ... L Dettori 2
5 U654 AMLAK 18 (V) J Banks 4-9-2 ... J Tate (5) 4
6 0000 SIE AMATO 18 (CD,G) Capt. J Wilson 4-8-13 ... J Fortune 5
7 4502 CANNY LAD 20 (BE) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-6 ... K Fallon 7
8 5000 HERBRAND 35 (B) M H Easterby 4-8-3 ... S Maloney (3) 1
9 0004 SEA PRODIGY 12 (B) M Blanshard 4-8-0 ... T Sprake 9
10 -005 PERSIAN LION 16 F Watson 4-7-10 ... L Charnock 10

3-1 Ballerina Bay, 9-2 Music Dancer, Charlie Bigtime, 11-2 Canny Lad, 7-1 Amlak, 8-1 Jake The Pake, 14-1 Sea Prodigy, 20-1 others.

2.45 MAYFAIR SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f) (9)

1 14 STEADFAST ELITE 88 (S) J O'Neill 8-12 ... K Darley 4
2 1102 THE FERNHILL FLYER 4 (V,CD,BF,G) J Berry 8-12 ... G Carter 7
3 15 WANDERING ANGEL 19 (D,F) D Loder 8-12 ... L Dettori 5
4 002 CAPTAIN TAFFY 9 (BE) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11 ... K Fallon 9
5 0 GOODWINCOPLEY 18 M W Easterby 8-11 ... S Maloney (3) 1
6 50 BELLARDY 35 B Palling 8-6 ... Stephen Davies (5) 3
7 GRETELS PET J Bottomley 8-6 ... L Charnock 8
8 6 LADY WESTBURY 37 K Burke 8-6 ... T Sprake 6
9 00 SNUGFIT ANNIE 18 M W Easterby 8-6 ... T Lucas 2

11-4 The Fernhill Flyer, 4-1 Captain Taffy, Steadfast Elite, 5-1 Wandering Angel, 10-1 Lady Westbury, 14-1 Bellardy, 16-1 Snugfit Annie, 20-1 Goodwincopley, 25-1 Gretel's Pet.

3.15 ALLOTT & LOMAX HANDICAP
(£3,026: 6f) (5)

1 2111 HIGHBORN 25 (CD,G) P Felgate 4-10-0 ... G Hind 4
2 165 JADE CITY 12 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-12 ... L Charnock 5
3 5502 CHOIR PRACTICE 4 (BE,F,G) W Haggas 6-9-1 ... C Rutter 3
4 3600 STARDUST EXPRESS 9 (D,G) M Johnston 3-9-0 ... T Williams 2
5 0030 SWEET ROMEO 16 (F) M Johnston 3-8-3 ... Dean McKeown 1

7-4 Highborn, 5-2 Sweet Romeo, 7-2 Choir Practice, 4-1 Jade City, 8-1 Stardust Express.

3.45 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY PLC MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,201: 7f) (6)

1 6 JEAN DE FLORETTE 21 R Spicer 9-0 ... L Dettori 6
2 40 NOORAN 22 J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter 4
3 ROSSALL POINT M H Easterby 9-0 ... S Maloney (3) 2
4 3 HIGHLY FASHIONABLE 79 P Cole 8-9 ... T Quinn 5
5 055 MOCKINGBIRD 34 (BF) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 1
6 2 NIGHT SNOW 18 M Bell 8-9 ... M Hills 3

2-1 Highly Fashionable, 9-4 Night Snow, 3-1 Jean de Florette, 6-1 Mockingbird, 10-1 Rossall Point, 20-1 Nooran.

4.15 PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 4f) (7)

1 00 CRIMINAL RECORD 65 (V) Lord Huntingdon 9-3 ... A Munro 8
2 0 FORGE GOLD 30 H Collingridge 9-3 ... C Hawksley (7) 3
3 1110 GOODBYE MILLIE 12 (CD,F,G,S) S Norton 8-11 ... O Pears (5) 5
4 4532 SHARE A MOMENT 2 (BF) R Hollinshead 8-9 ... K Darley 4
5 6016 STAPLEFORD LASS 18 (S) S Woods 8-5 ... D Harrison (3) 7
6 3053 GWEEK 16 (BF) M Tompkins 8-4 ... P Robinson 2
7 0 SLOE BRANDY 12 M Prescott 8-4 ... G Duffield 1

5-4 Goodbye Millie, 9-2 Gweek, 5-1 Stapleford Lass, 11-2 Share A Moment, 10-1 Sloe Brandy, 12-1 Criminal Record, 25-1 Forge Gold.

4.45 BATTERSEA HANDICAP (£3,028: 1m 4f) (7)

1 2241 SHUJAN 4 (CD,G,S) R Armstrong 4-10-1 (5ex) ... L Dettori 3
2 3130 MODEST HOPE 87 (CD,F,G) B Richmond 6-10-0 Alex Greaves 6
3 0-41 SMILES AHEAD 12 (V,CD,G,S) P Bevan 5-9-5 C Hawksley (7) 5
4 00/- DESPERATE MAN 161J N Smith 4-8-12 ... G Duffield 4
5 6000 MELTONBY 36 (C,F,G,S) Don Enrico Incisa 4-8-8 Kim Tinkler 1
6 0-52 SULUK 25 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 8-7-11 ... J Quinn 2
7 -060 GREAT ORATION 26 F Watson 4-7-11 ... L Charnock 7

4-6 Shujan, 3-1 Suluk, 5-1 Modest Hope, 13-2 Smiles Ahead, 20-1 Great Oration, 50-1 Meltonby, Desperate Man.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; R Spicer, 10 from 41, 24.4%; Lord Huntingdon, 15 from 67, 22.4%; P Cole, 10 from 48, 20.8%; M Prescott, 24 from 120, 20%; W Haggas, 9 from 46, 19.6%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 59 from 253 rides, 23.3%; L Dettori, 9 from 40, 22.5%; O Pears, 12 from 70, 17.1%; G Duffield, 42 from 261, 16.1%; M Hills, 18 from 127, 14.2%; G Carter, 35 from 260, 13.5%.

Blinkered first time

CATTERICK: 2.30 Guylain, Billposter, 4.00 Sunrise Morning, 5.00 Sabo Song. SANDOWN PARK: 6.55 Valiant Words, Norman Warrior, 7.55 Taahhub. SOUTHWELL: 2.15 Amlak, Herbrand, Sea Prodigy, 4.15 Criminal Record, 4.45 Smiles Ahead. YARMOUTH: 7.05 Filch.

Beverley

Going: firm

2.30 (2m 35yd) 1, Chakalak (T Quinn, 7-2); 2, My Desire (9-4 jt-fav); 3, King William (9-4 jt-fav). 4 ran. Nk, 3½l. S Dow. Tote: £4.20. DF: £5.90. CSF: £10.59.

3.00 (7f 100yd) 1, Silverlocks (N Connorton, 4-7 fav); 2, Umbubuzi (7-2); 3, Devious Dancer (6-1). 4 ran. 1½l, 1½l. Miss S Hall. Tote: £1.50. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.72.

3.30 (7f 100yd) 1, Tahdid (W Carson, 11-10 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Field Of Vision (4-1); 3, Young Em (6-1). 5 ran. ¾l, 2l. P Walwyn. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.70.

4.00 (1m 100yd) 1, Smart Teacher (G Duffield, 12-1); 2, Flashman (14-1); 3, Duke Of Dreams (100-30 fav). 8 ran. NR: Mustn't Grumble. 5l, ¾l. P Harris. Tote: £10.70; £2.20, £3.50, £1.80. DF: £122.40. Trio: £48.40. CSF: £156.21. Tricast: £618.07.

4.30 (5f) 1, Aquado (W Carson, 10-1); 2, Miss Siham (7-1); 3, Last Straw (8-1). 13 ran. NR: Dayjuz. 1½l, 1½l. N Callaghan. Tote: £7.10; £2.10, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £15.20. Trio: £28.60. CSF: £44.61. Tricast: £226.49. Dayjuz (3-1 fav) withdrawn, Rule 4 applies — deduct 25p in the pound.

5.00 (5f) 1, Ashkernazy (K Darley, 5-2); 2, Lucky Message (11-1); 3, Jethou (8-11 fav). 4 ran. Hd, 2½l. J Spearing. Tote: £3.10; £1.10, £3.80. DF: £17.50. CSF: £24.09.

Placepot: £366.50.

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

1.45 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Dodgy Dancer (S Whitworth, 7-2); 2, Silver Groom (2-1 fav); 3, Call Me Blue (7-2). 4 ran. ½l, 1½l. M Channon. Tote: £4.90. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.60.

2.15 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Case For The Crown (L Dettori, 9-4 fav); 2, Day Of History (9-2); 3, Albert (7-2). 5 ran. Hd, 3½l. B Curley. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £9.00. CSF: £11.44.

2.45 (6f 189yd) 1, Nigel's Lucky Girl (J Quinn, 14-1); 2, Anstrocolo (8-1); 3, Flying Wind (7-1). Tiffany's Case 5-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Supper With Susie. 1½l, hd. R Harris. Tote: £17.20; £3.40, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £63.40. Trio: £90.10. CSF: £106.47. Tricast: £772.47.

3.15 (6f 189yd) 1, Footsteps (A Munro, 9-2); 2, Brierley (10-1); 3, Bender Pasak (33-1). Playing Tricks 2-1 fav. 13 ran. 3l, 2l. P Cole. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £2.40, £10.50. DF: £12.10. CSF: £48.38.

3.45 (6f) 1, Fief Lady (T Sprake, 5-1); 2, Cara (9-2); 3, Curtis The First (4-1). Northern Bellwick 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 1l, 1l. W G M Turner. Tote: £7.20; £2.60, £2.30. DF: £15.40. CSF: £26.61. No bid for winner.

4.15 (6f) 1, Face North (J Reid, 7-4 fav); 2, Aberlady (11-2); 3, My Ruby Ring (4-1). 7 ran. 1½l, 1½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £3.90. DF: £7.60. CSF: £10.81.

4.45 (1m 7f 92yd) 1, Arctic Guest (Dean McKeown, 2-1 fav); 2, Manon Lescaut (10-1); 3, Westray (15-2). 7 ran. ¾l, hd. M Johnston. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £4.40. DF: £11.60. CSF: £21.09.

Placepot: £2,729.20.

Monday's late details

Windsor

Going: good to firm

6.30 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Bronze Runner (T Sprake, 12-1); 2, Premier Dance (7-1); 3, Bondaid (25-1); 4, Romanian (7-1). Billy Bunter 6-1 jt-fav. 19 ran. NR: Woodlands Crown. Hd, 1¾l. S Mellor. Tote: £13.50; £2.20, £2.10, £7.00, £1.80. DF: £93.90. Trio: £246.30. CSF: £100.53. Tricast: £1,940.93.

6.55 (5f 10yd) 1, Craggannmore (M Hills, 7-4); 2, In Like Flynn (13-8 fav); 3, Mazizo (16-1). 11 ran. 2l, hd. J Hills. Tote: £3.10, £1.40, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.20.

7.20 (5f 217yd) 1, Velvet Moon (A Munro, 4-6 fav); 2, Star Speeder (12-1); 3, Election Special (6-1). 6 ran. 1l, 2½l. P Cole. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £3.30. DF: £6.20. CSF: £8.36.

7.50 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Bentico (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2, Storm Venture (3-1); 3, Tiger Claw (10-1). 10 ran. 2l, 2l. M Jarvis. Tote: £3.80; £2.10, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £4.30. Trio: £14.20. CSF: £10.91. Tricast: £61.96.

8.20 (1m 67yd) 1, Queen Warrior (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav); 2, Wakil (4-1); 3, Set The Fashion (3-1). 9 ran. 1¾l, ½l. P Walwyn. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £8.30. Trio: £5.10. CSF: £11.83. Tricast: £24.94.

8.50 (5f 217yd) 1, Our Shadee (M Wigham, 14-1); 2, Avril Etoile (16-1); 3, Tee Gee Jay (100-30). Covent Garden Girl 5-2 fav. 12 ran. Nk, 2½l. K Ivory. Tote: £21.90; £3.80, £3.50, £2.00. DF: £146.80. CSF: £199.62. Tricast: £846.74.

Placepot: £118.30.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

6.45 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Ho-Joe (Julie Bowker, 3-1); 2, Share A Moment (9-4 fav); 3, Walsham Witch (3-1). 6 ran. 6l, 3½l. J Carr. Tote: £3.90; £2.10, £1.30. DF: £5.70. CSF: £10.30. No bid.

7.10 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Seek The Pearl (P Robinson, 3-1); 2, Des Raft (15-8 fav); 3, Sharquin (5-1). 6 ran. 5l, ¾l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.60; £2.10, £1.60. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.49.

7.35 (7f 100yd) 1, Pride Of Pendle (Mrs A Farrell, 5-2 fav); 2, Pusey Street Boy (11-1); 3, Patience Please (7-1); 4, Lady Donoghue (7-1). 19 ran. ¾l, ¾l. P Calver. Tote: £3.40; £1.20, £1.60, £2.10, £2.30. DF: £15.20. CSF: £30.87. Tricast: £170.75.

8.05 (5f) 1, My Lifetime Lady (S Perks, 7-4 fav); 2, Lady Sheriff (7-2); 3, Dockyard Dora (6-1). 8 ran. 2l, hd. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.95.

8.35 (7f 100yd) 1, Highland Legend (W Ryan, 8-11 fav); 2, Kiyas (6-4); 3, Double Dancer (12-1). 4 ran. NR: Cranfield Charger. 2½l, 3l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.11.

9.05 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Jolis Absent (G Bardwell, 9-2); 2, Armenian Coffee (6-4 fav); 3, Apache Squaw (9-2). 6 ran. 1l, 2½l. M Ryan. Tote: £7.60; £2.90, £1.30. DF: £7.50. CSF: £10.71. Placepot: £9.60.

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Tribunal ruling angers Swindon

Hoddle cleared to play lead role in Chelsea challenge

BY KEITH PIKE

GLENN Hoddle will, after all, be able to lead Chelsea's challenge for Premier League honours from the field instead of the manager's dug-out.

A transfer tribunal, which in effect could have ended Hoddle's playing career, yesterday ruled that Chelsea must pay Swindon Town a maximum of £175,000 for his registration, £75,000 immediately and £2,000 per game for up to 50 matches. There was no doubting which side felt it had come out on top.

"It is a fair decision," Hoddle, who turns 36 two months into the season, said. "Let's face it, I don't know how many games I am going to be able to play. I am going into the unknown. I might find the pace of the Premier League is too quick for me, but I still feel I have something to offer."

The obvious relief in the Chelsea camp — they had argued for a free transfer, and Hoddle would have retired had the fee been fixed too high — was matched by the despair among the Swindon delegation. Ray Hardman, the chairman, wanted £1 million for the man who last season had guided his club to the Premier League for the first time. "It will cost us that much to replace him," he said.

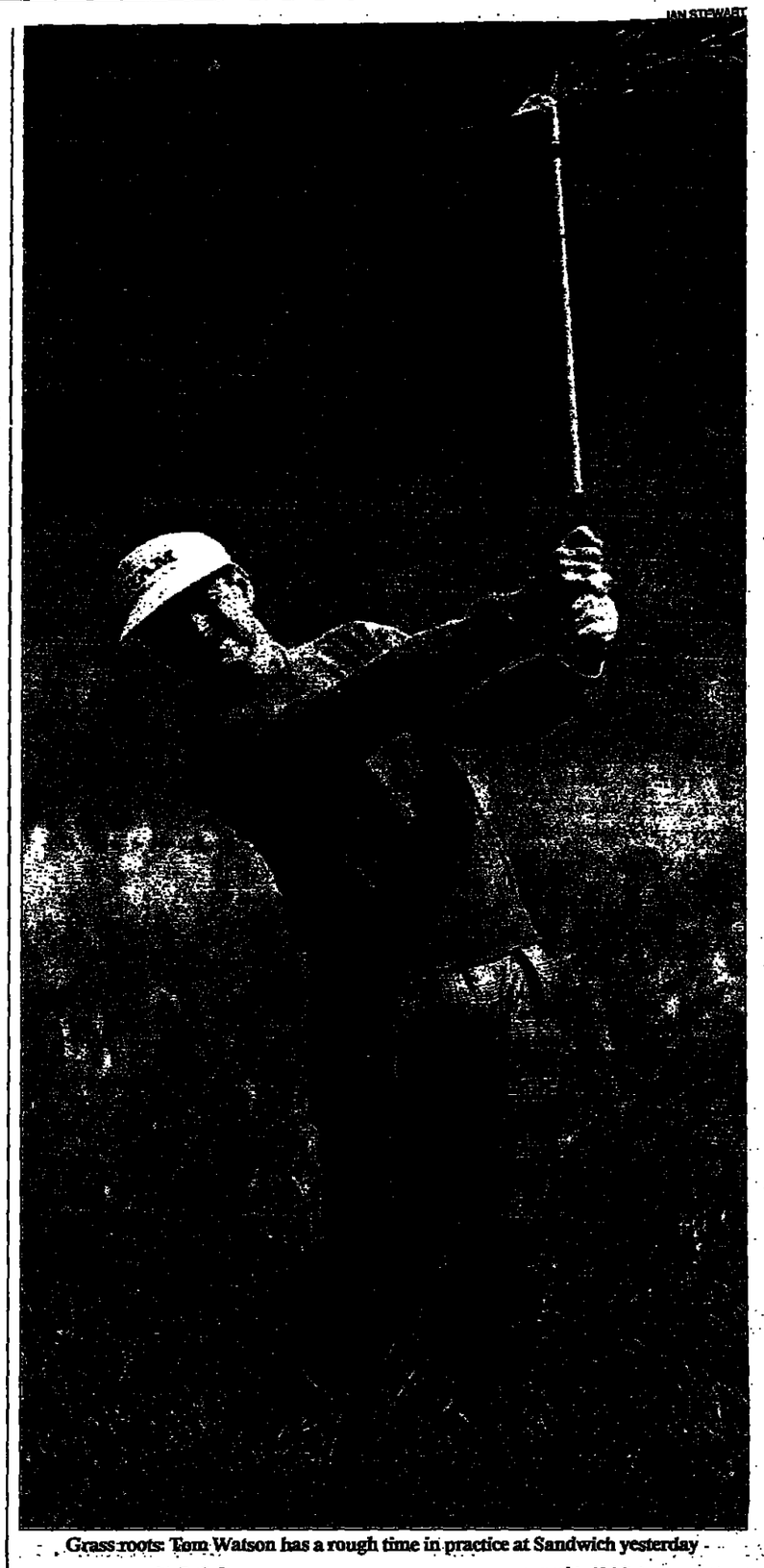
Based on Hoddle's last appearance for Swindon, £1 million was not an unreasonable figure. At Wembley, on a sunny bank holiday Monday at the end of May, Hoddle had masterminded from the back Swindon's 4-3 victory over Leicester City in the first division play-off final with a performance which marked him out as still one of English football's best passers and most influential players. Hoddle scored Swindon's first goal, and after Leicester had pulled back from 3-0 down to 3-3, delivered a devastating 50-yard crossfield pass which earned the decisive penalty. It was an example of the ability which won him 53 England caps and made him a cult figure with the supporters of Tottenham Hotspur and Monaco.

But no sooner had the most glorious chapter in Swindon's history been written than the story began to turn sour. Four days later, Chelsea named Hoddle as their new manager in succession to David Webb, having agreed to pay the Wiltshire club £120,000 in lieu of the 12 months left on his contract as manager. That cash, and yesterday's ruling, will prove little compensation, Hardman said.

"We came to accept the decision and that we will do, but we are not very happy about it. At Glenn's age we believe £1 million was fair. It does seem the run-of-the-mill tribunal decisions are something like midway between what you ask and what you offered. Chelsea's figure was zero. Had it been £500,000 we would have been delighted, but it is a chance you have to take when you come to a tribunal. We just have to hope our fans accept it."

The tribunal also ruled that West Ham United must pay Charlton £525,000 for Simon Webster, Stoke City £120,000 for Mark Prudhoe, the Darlington goalkeeper, and Lincoln City £10,000 to Darlington for Steve Mardenborough.

Philip Gray, the Luton Town and Northern Ireland striker, is likely to sign for Sunderland for £825,000, according to David Kohler, the Luton chairman, but the proposed £3 million transfer of Paul Warhurst from Sheffield Wednesday to Blackburn Rovers looks less likely. Warhurst had agreed terms with Ray Harford, the Rovers assistant manager, but Wednesday's failure to sign Brian Deane from Sheffield United means they are now less willing to let Warhurst go. "It's like a house chain," Richie Barker, the Wednesday assistant manager, said. "The one we were buying has fallen through, so we can't sell."



IAN STEWART

Grass roots: Tom Watson has a rough time in practice at Sandwich yesterday

Faldo tempted away to help eastern plight

PATRICIA DAVIES AT THE OPEN

ALEXEY Matrosov, a Russian from the village of Zhavoronki, near Moscow, and Ilze Barovska, a Latvian from Riga, were the centre of attention at Royal St George's yesterday. The two 17-year-olds met Nick Faldo, the Open champion, in an effort to highlight the plight of would-be golfers in their respective countries.

There is barely a full course between the two countries and clubs and balls are in short supply. It will be some time before an eastern European follows Faldo as Open champion but the enthusiasts are making sure a start is made. Matrosov and Barovska are in Britain at the instigation of Sonia Copeland, the director of Champion International, which runs golf and English courses at Canterbury.

Copeland must be persuasive to have lured Faldo away from his Open preparations. But he posed for photographs and checked the youngsters' swings, even teasing the serious Barovska: "He must go to the Colin Montgomerie school of smiling."

One slight quibble: the two were billed as the first Eastern European swingers in England but all devotees of P G Wodehouse know that Vladimir Brusiloff, poet and golf nut, lays first claim to that title.

Long drives

Gerald Watts, the secretary at Royal St George's, is looking forward to seeing John Daly in action this week. Watts feels that given a fair wind, or none at all, the young master of the contortionist backswing could "make mincemeat of the course." However, Terry Shingler, a former English amateur champion, reckoned he would back Sandy Lyle to outhit Daly at Sandwich. In practice, Lyle nearly drove the 10th green — the hole measures 399 yards — but Shingler had not heard that Daly drove the 5th yesterday. It is 421 yards.

Proper courses

Watts is a keen golfer and a couple of years ago, he and John Prideaux, who is secretary at Muirfield, were on holiday at Bay Hill, Arnold Palmer's course in Orlando. They sneaked on to the first tee at first light, in the hope of beating "all those slow fourballs", and found 20 or more Americans already there. They then fell into chat with Palmer, who was surveying his domain, and when he heard where they were from, the great man said: "Ah, proper golf courses, not like the one next week." The "one next week" happened to be Augusta National.

Safe putters

Nick Price, the US PGA champion and one of the favourites to win this week, is hoping that his latest putter will keep its stripes but at least he knows it will not involve him in legal action. His preparations for the US Open last month were not helped when, on the Tuesday night before the championship started, he received a lawyer's letter saying he would be sued if he used the putter he was intending to use. It was a one-off but it resembled a putter he had used previously and the manufacturer of the original resorted to the heavy hand.

Price finished 11th at Baltusrol and has won twice since, with his Zebra putter, which is made by Ram.

Luxury homes

Now is the time to consider booking accommodation for the Open at Turnberry next year and there are some prestigious properties on offer. Bernhard Langer, whose house this week apparently did not meet with his approval, should have no such problems in Scotland. There are farmhouses, country houses and castles — one with a trout loch — on offer. There is even a Victorian mansion available on the Isle of Arran but the blurb advises: "Helicopter required."

Robb puts place in Stuttgart at risk

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

CURTIS Robb, an Olympic finalist at 800 metres last year, will risk his place in the British team for the world championships in Stuttgart next month by missing the trials in Birmingham this weekend. "I am taking a bit of a gamble," Robb said yesterday. More than a bit, it seems.

So that athletes would not forget their obligations to the Panasonic AAA championships, which double as the trials, the British Athletic Federation repeated two weeks ago an earlier announcement that "athletes wishing to be considered for selection must compete in the trials". Allowances may be made, however, for "exceptional circumstances".

Furthermore, in Martin Steele, Tom McKean and David Sharpe, Britain has three men capable of producing performances in the trials which would make it hard for the selectors to overlook them, even if Robb's recent viral illness is regarded as an exceptional circumstance.

Steele leads the world rankings, McKean won the world indoor title in March, and Sharpe is the World Cup champion. Though neither McKean nor Sharpe has shown up well outdoors this season, Robb is not discounting the possibility of them doing so this weekend.

He has analysed the possibilities and is banking on Sharpe letting him in. "The best thing for me is if Tom comes second and Martin wins," Robb said. "The trouble could start if it is a slow race because of David's fast finish. The worst thing that can happen is that David wins in a fast time and Martin comes third." The winner is guaranteed selection, provided he has the qualifying time, which all four of them have.

Robb, 21, has been suffering from post-viral fatigue, and is awaiting the results of further blood tests; but he had an encouraging training session on Monday night and is optimistic that he will be racing by the end of the month.

Undeniably Britain's outstanding 800 metres prospect, he has informed Andy Norman, a selector, and Frank Dick, the head coach, of his position but has received no assurances. "I can understand them being cagey," Robb said.

"I could run on Saturday, but I would be unsure of my fitness. I need to get a few good training sessions in first and, if I want to do the best I can in the world championships, this is the way to do it."

Eamonn Martin, selected for the world championships 10,000 metres, returns after injury this evening with a mad race in Paris.

Wilson pays dearly for overtraining

BY CRAIG LORD

A FINE line divides burnout from the punishment needed in training for excellence in competition. Ian Wilson crossed that line earlier this season, the price his withdrawal yesterday on medical advice from the European swimming championships, for which he was among the favourites to win a medal at 1,500 metres freestyle.

Denied the chance to improve on his silver medal of two years ago, when he set the British record of 15min 03.72sec, Wilson said: "I'm bitterly disappointed. I haven't come to terms with it yet. I saw the signs too late." Those point to what some describe, among them doctors, as malingerers disease or myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME). It is ironic that Wilson should be the hardest-working swimmer in Britain and among the fastest in the world at the longest official pool race.

While medical questions remain over the existence and nature of ME, what is certain is that Wilson, 22, has been forced into a more sedate regime by chronic fatigue syndrome. That has been caused, not so much by the heavy workload that swimmers of his calibre need to endure, but by a failure to build essential time for recovery into his training programme.

Wilson: fatigued

That much is admitted by the swimmer and the doctors at the British Olympic Medical Centre (BOMC) in Harrow, London, who diagnosed his condition and have prescribed a three-month recuperation programme. Wilson, who usually covers more than 100km in 22 hours in the water each week and spends up to five hours in the gymnasium, will start on the road to recovery by exercising for half an hour every other day for the next six weeks.

The European championships, at Sheffield from July 30 to August 8, will mark Wilson's first absence from a British team for four years. Wilson, fourth in the world and second in Europe in 1991 and fifth at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year, is unsure whether he will take up an offer of a place on the poolside at Sheffield. The presence of the man, who lists his most admired sports person as "anyone who gives 100 per cent and trains hard", would help the spirits of a team in which he usually plays the part of morale booster. His withdrawal leaves Britain unrepresented at 1,500m, Graeme Smith having decided to rest after the junior European championships, in which he finished third on Sunday.

Wilson, a business studies graduate from Sunderland, was beaten into second place by Smith at the trials for the European championships last month in a slow time and went to Dr Richard Budgett for tests at the BOMC after failing to improve when winning the Scottish title at Edinburgh 10 days ago. He believes the reason for his condition "sticks out like a sore thumb".

"There's no virus to blame," he said. "I've just not allowed myself to recover in between heavy training sets. Last year and before that, I used morning sessions as long, easy recovery sets. To improve on my time I, and Ian Armiger, my coach, thought this year I would fill that time with hard work — so after a hard evening set, I'd be back in at 5am, punishing myself again. The intensity has been too great.

"I've raced 1,500s until they've come out of my ears, so when I started feeling heavy muscular pain 300 metres into the race earlier this year, I knew something was wrong. But I did nothing about it. The problem is, you live so much with sore arms and tiredness, its hard to tell what constitutes too much."

Dr Jane Wilson at the BOMC said there were classic symptoms of overtraining without sufficient recovery periods; sore throat, sweating, swollen glands, sleep disturbance, pain in muscles and joints and depression. Wilson has a gland in his neck swollen "like a golfball".

She said: "Rest is an extremely important part of elite training. I've seen so many athletes who are highly motivated and strive so hard, but its often too hard, too intense. They train, they go to work, they train, they eat late at night and then collapse into bed. The condition is not life threatening.

"There's no underlying disease and we don't know all the answers. Its a multi-factorial problem; a combination of lack of rest that is complicated by such things as viral infections, dietary problems, particularly among women athletes, and additional stresses such as exams, work, boyfriends and so on."

Open draw brings together entertainers

A COMBINATION offering all the elements of pure theatre was the highlight of the Open Championship draw yesterday (Mel Webb writes).

The draw has a number of high-octane three-balls but it is a fairly safe bet that none will produce as much entertainment for the watching thousands than the one that tees off at 9.25am tomorrow.

If the draw had not been made with such unquestioned probity by the Royal and Ancient, it might be suspected that the names of Ian Woosnam, David Feherty and John Daly had been made by the entertainments officer of a holiday camp.

Feherty is without much doubt the most entertaining player on this side of the Atlantic but whereas he relies on a rapier-fast wit for his popularity with the punters, Daly achieves much the same effect with the blunt instrument that is whatever golf club he happens to have in his hands at the time.

Daly is probably the biggest hitter in world professional golf. He easily topped the US PGA Tour driving statistics last year with a large-headed driver that was once described, memorably, by Feherty as "a condominium on a stick". It will not, it can be said with some certainty, be boring.

Nick Faldo, the champion, plays with a former champion in Mark Calcavecchia, who won at St Andrews in 1990, and Steve Elkington, the Australian who won the Tournament of Champions on the US Tour last season.

They will be preceded on the first tee by Payne Stewart and Davis Love III, who between them have career earnings of around £6.66 million, and Paul McGinley, the 26-year-old former Walker Cup player in his second year on the European Tour, who has won a grand total of just over £190,000. Self-confident young Irishman he may be, but he will do well not to be slightly distracted by the sounds of cash registers emanating from his two well-heeled partners.

Of other former Open winners in the field, Sandy Lyle, who won at Sandwich in 1985, will be playing with Ian Baker-Finch, champion at Royal Birkdale in 1991, and Jack Nicklaus, the greatest of them all, will be playing with Jose Maria Olazábal and Mark James. Bernhard Langer and Lee Janzen — winners of the two majors this year — play with Tony Johnstone, of Zimbabwe.

TEE-OFF TIMES

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0715 and 1145 W Guy, M Piñero (Sp), J Cook
0725 and 1155 O Karlsson (Swe), M Clayton (Aus), R Willison
0735 and 1205 *I Pyman, G Player (SA), L Maze (US)
0745 and 1215 J Parnevik (Swe), S Richardson, W Andrade (US)
0755 and 1225 N Ozaki (Japan), J Haeggman (Swe), L Wadkins (US)
0805 and 1240 J Huston (US), P Azinger (US), M A Jiménez (Sp)
0820 and 1250 D Weibert (US), P Senior (Aus), C Mason
0830 and 1300 G Turner (NZ), J Spence, T Watson (US)
0840 and 1310 P Stewart (US), D Love (US), P McGinley
0850 and 1320 S Elkington (Aus), M Calcavecchia (US), N Faldo
0900 and 1330 T Purtzer (US), G Norman (Aus), G Evans
0910 and 1345 W Grady (Aus), L Parker (US), P-U Johansson (Swe)
0925 and 1355 I Woosnam, D Feherty, J Daly (US)
0935 and 1405 F Allem (SA), H Twitty (US), J Van de Velde (Fr)
0945 and 1415 T Lehman (US), S Pate (US), D Gilford
0955 and 1425 C Pavin (US), M McNulty (Zim), H Clark
1005 and 1435 I Baker-Finch (Aus), S Simpson (US), A Lyle
1015 and 1450 N Price (Zim), D Edwards (US), C Montgomerie
1030 and 1500 P Fowler (Aus), T Kite (US), M Roe
*1040 and 1510 A Jacklin, *J Leonard (US), C Parry (Aus)*
1050 and 1520 *S Dundas, P Talbot, J Camiles (Sp)*
1100 and 1530 M Mackenzie, P Lawrie, P Eales
1110 and 1540 R Boxall, K Tomori (Japan), M Maller
1120 and 1550 D Clarke, T Price (Aus), D Smyth
1135 and 1600 *M Vogas (US), S Field, B Watts (US)*
1145 and 1610 M Krantz (Swe), *S Gittleha, C Cassells
1155 and 1620 Y Mizumaki (Japan), B Malley (US), G Orr
1205 and 0715 G Farr, E O'Connell, I Garbutt
1215 and 0725 P Moloney (Aus), M Gates, S Tallaire (Fr)
1225 and 0735 V Singh (Fji), P Broadhurst, F Couples (US)
1240 and 0745 J McGovern (US) J Cook (US), C O'Connor Jr
1250 and 0755 A Magee (US), P Baker, V Fernandez (Arg)
1305 and 0805 P Mitchell, J Maggert (US), J Gallagher Jr (US)
1310 and 0820 D W Sasson (SA), G Morgan (US) A Forsbrand (Swe)
1320 and 0830 A Johnstone (Zim), B Langer (Ger), L Janzen (US)
1330 and 0840 D Forsman (US), R Floyd (US), A Sherborne
1345 and 0850 M Harwood (Aus), B Faxon (US) B Lane
1355 and 0900 F Nobilo (NZ), C Rocca (It), C Beck (US)
1405 and 0910 B Crenshaw (US), D Frost (SA), J Rivero (Sp)
1415 and 0925 Chen Tze-ming (Taiwan), M O'Meara (US), S Ballesteros (Sp)
1425 and 0935 E Romero (Arg), J Sluman (US), R Chapman
1435 and 0945 M James, J M Olazábal (Sp), J Nicklaus (US)
1450 and 0955 E Els (SA), S Torrance, F Zoeller (US)
1500 and 1005 R Goosen (SA), R Allenby (Aus), D Hammond (US)
1510 and 1015 G Brand Jr, W Westner (SA), R Medlate (US)
1520 and 1030 R Karlsson (Swe), R Davis (Aus), P Way
1530 and 1040 M Hallberg (Swe), M Sunesson (Swe), M Davis
1540 and 1050 R Lee, R Kawagishi (Japan), *M Welch
1550 and 1100 J Sewell, T Fukuzawa (Japan), N Van Rensburg (SA)
1600 and 1110 N Sugai (Japan), G Day (US), A Sorensen (Den)
1610 and 1120 T Pernice (US), P Scott, T Nash
1620 and 1135 P Smith, R Drummond, S Ames (Trin)

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Determined Welch emerges with winning smile again

BY MEL WEBB

THERE is much to excite Michael Welch this week. A novice among experts, a boy among men, he is one of only two amateurs to have gone through the mill of final qualifying and emerged, smiling, on the other side and in the championship proper. He cannot wait for tomorrow to come.

He claimed his place by finishing a shot behind Peter Baker, another Shropshire Lad, with rounds of 73 and 66 at Royal Cinque Ports. It is the second successive year Welch has qualified for the championship. Having missed the cut in 1992, he is grimly determined to play all four rounds this year.

He is only 20, but has been playing the game since he was six. His home backs on to Hawkestone Park, spawning ground of a lifetime hero, Sandy Lyle, and his father is managing director of the company that owns the club — a better background for a golf-mad youngster is hard to imagine.

Between May and October in 1990, when he was 18, he won ten successive competitions. During that spell he was Midlands boys champion, then went on to take the English, British and European boys titles and capped it all by winning the world boys crown in Aberdeen. He was 18 under par and won by a street.

Success of that magnitude is a one-way street, however, and in 1991, while also engaged in technical changes — his coach, Alex Lyle, father of Sandy, had convinced him that he was swinging too quickly — he not surprisingly found himself unable to repeat his feats of the year before. He was now playing with seasoned adults, and a quantum leap in standard was being asked of him.

He was desperately anxious to make the Walker Cup team, and failed to do so. He wanted an England cap, and was not selected after a miserable week with the national training squad at Valderrama, where he had a shower door slammed on his hand and could not hit a ball all week. A less determined youngster would have given up there and then, but Welch is made of sterner stuff.

He has yet to make his first appearance for his country, and has missed out on a Walker Cup place again this year. But the disappointments have not killed his ambition; rather, they have fuelled his determination to get to the top.

"I am going to give it one more year at least as an amateur," he said. "If I make the England side next year and think I've got a chance of getting in the Walker Cup team in 1995, I'll stay an amateur for another year."

Watch his name — in a few years' time it could be on a million lips.

Seeking right line: Welch gets down to a putt

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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (191)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (443). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Every Second Counts. The first of a new series of the against-the-clock game show (s) (7462)
7.30 Doc Martin's Casebook. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (627)
8.00 Growing Pains. Last in the fostering drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (152117)
8.50 TV Heroes. Danny Baker salutes the studio audiences of *Top of the Pops*. (Ceefax) (s) (403240)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (9563)
9.30 Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott's comic musings on the mysteries of life (r). (Ceefax) (s) (53153)

Life sentence: Ransford Nedrick (10.00pm)

10.00 Rough Justice: Word for Word. John Ware investigates the case of Ransford Nedrick, serving a life sentence for the murder of a 12-year-old boy. (Ceefax) (649269)
10.40 Film: Westworld (1973) starring Yul Brynner, Richard Benjamin and James Brolin. Futuristic thriller in which a robot at a wild west theme park malfunctions and threatens the lives of the guests. Directed by the author of *Jurassic Park*, Michael Crichton. (Ceefax) (2041191). **Northern Ireland:** Black Velvet 11.35-1.00 Film: Westworld
12.05am Weather (2876660). Ends at **12.10**
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (799283) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (91842)

BBC2

7.10 Open University: Nathan the Wise (6458207) **7.35** Victorians and the Past (3400191) **8.00 Breakfast News** (2327085) **8.15 Westminster** (1679795)
9.00 Film: No Minor Vices (1948, b/w) starring Dana Andrews, Lilli Palmer, Louis Jordan. Comedy about a successful doctor and his wife who rue the day they befriend an eccentric young artist. Directed by Lewis Milestone (90153)
10.30 Film: None But the Lonely Heart (1944, b/w) starring Cary Grant. Hollywood's version of poverty in the East End of London during the late 1930s Directed by Clifford Odets (63981917)
12.20 I Could Do That. The office catering business (r) (7443172) **12.30 Children Talking.** In 1967 children in Cardiff talk about where we come from and where we go (54739578)
12.40 Weather. Film-maker Chris Petit's personal views on the power of the weather (r). (Ceefax) (7208714)
1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm. Puppet series (r) (17006608)
1.35 Boswall's Wildlife Safari to Mexico. A visit to the island of San Benito at the time Californian sea lions are giving birth (r) (24850733)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (65833004) **2.05 Stealing the Family Silver.** A look at the burgeoning business in stolen works of art and antiques (21301733) **2.35 CountryFile** (r) (1718395)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3098066) **3.05 Westminster Live.** (Ceefax) (2098578) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9881998)
4.00 River Journeys. The Mekong in Vietnam (r) (2511)
5.00 Today's the Day. Topical news quiz (s) (5240)
5.30 Golf — the Open. Steve Rider previews the 122nd Open Championship (820)
6.00 Star Trek (r). (Ceefax) (175066)
6.50 Summer Wildlife. A look at the double life of the ladybird (r). (Ceefax) (465240)
7.20 Off the Wall. The Byker estate art lovers continue their tour of the galleries (151820)
7.40 Golf and All It's Glory. (Ceefax) (s). See Choice (247443)
8.30 On the Line: Jobs for the Boys. A look at how easy it is to be employed as a children's holiday sports activity instructor (s) (1769)

Vickery Turner (left) with Tony Selby (9.00pm)

9.00 The Wednesday Play: Up the Junction (b/w) (r). See Choice (5368882)
10.10 TV for Insomniacs. Paul Morley takes a bleary-eyed look at late night television (692733)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxton. (Ceefax). Followed by **Off the Wall — At Home** (430733)
11.15 Nation. Should Britain intervene in foreign conflicts? (590849) **11.55 Weather** (282608)
12.00 Death and Dying: One Fact, Many Facets. A look at the different ways people cope with death (7871509) **12.25am Ferrara: Planning the Ideal City** (8926298). Ends at **12.55**

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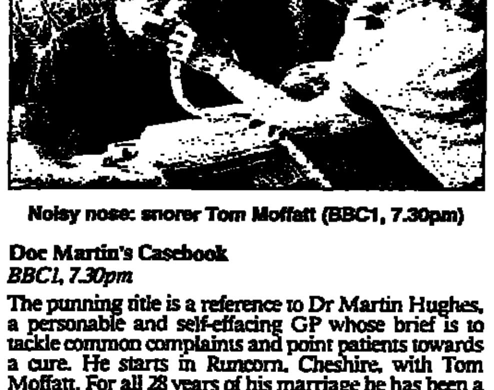
CHOICE

Survival Special: Drawn to the Wild
ITV, 8.00pm

This is the last film of the cameraman, Dieter Plage, who was killed in a flying accident in April. It is a celebration of wildlife in many locations and features Plage's fellow German, the artist Wolfgang Weber. As the animals go about their business, Plage films and Weber sketches. But the sketchbook has to be left behind when Weber dives into the Pacific Ocean in search of whales. The most sustained sequence in a bitty compilation takes Plage and Weber to Rwanda in central Africa for an encounter with the mountain gorilla. It means a tough tramp through dense undergrowth and the machineguns and mortar bombs of Rwanda's civil war are never far away. But persistence is rewarded with splendid footage.



Noisy nose: snorer Tom Moffatt (BBC1, 7.30pm)

Doc Martin's Casebook
BBC1, 7.30pm

The punning title is a reference to Dr Martin Hughes, a personable and self-effacing GP whose brief is to tackle common complaints and point patients towards a cure. He starts in Runcorn, Cheshire, with Tom Moffatt. For all 28 years of his marriage he has been a snorer. It has got to the point where his wife, Gwyneth, despairs of getting a decent night's sleep. Snoring used to be treated as a joke. One doctor consulted by Mrs Moffatt told her to move house. Today it is no longer a laughing matter. Heavy snoring has been linked with angina and high blood pressure and it can shorten life. Tom Moffatt is whipped off to a specialist. Next week Doc Martin looks at back trouble. It promises to be a sensible and constructive series.

Golf and All Its Glory: From Paupers to Princes
BBC2, 7.40pm

On the eve of the Open comes the start of a six-part series on the history of golf, written and narrated by Bruce Critchley. His subject tonight is the rise of the professional, an absorbing topic which delves deep into social history. Today's pro may be a high-earning superstar but it was not always so. As the veteran Max Faulkner recalls, the professional golfer was long regarded a servant who was expected to defer to the club members and to know his place. He gave lessons, ran the shop and was allowed in the clubhouse only on sufferance. Walter Hagen in the United States and Henry Cotton in Britain helped to give the pro a higher status but not until after the second world war did social barriers finally come down.

The Wednesday Play: Up the Junction
BBC2, 9.00pm

A season of offerings from a golden age of television drama opens with this vibrant slice of working-class life, written by Nell Dunn and directed by Ken Loach. Made in 1965, *Up the Junction* was challenging in subject-matter and innovative in technique. The biggest stir was caused by the abortion scene and it still shocks. The attempts at off-the-cuff realism, on the other hand, now seem self-conscious. Or perhaps we are no longer startled by cine-verité camerawork, dialogue competing with background noise and the subversion of narrative. Carol White, Geraldine Sherman and Vickery Turner play the Battersea girls trying to brighten their dull lives, performances that remain authentic and fresh. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (5056153)
9.25 Talkabout. Lighthearted word game hosted by Andrew O'Connor (5721269) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4160714)
10.00 Ralph S Mouse (3656761) **10.50 Cartoon** featuring Tweetie Pie (7389882) **10.55 News** headlines (7388153) **11.00 James Bond Jr** (7398530) **11.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers** (7306917) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7502849)
12.00 Cartoon with Donald Duck (3763066) **12.10 Allsorts** (r) (s) (2925627)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News *(Teletext)* and weather (7215004) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17021917)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (166424) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (185795)
2.15 One in 5 Million. Magazine series on women's matters (s) (22910608) **2.25 Take the High Road.** Drama serial set in the Highlands (3054733)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3009172) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3008443) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial based in an Australian city hospital (2525269)
3.50 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig (9677998) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (5397085) **4.20 How 2.** Facts with fun (r) (9709714) **4.40 Go Getters.** Celebrity treasure hunt game (s) (2503066)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2003288)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (331443)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes an interview with Icelandic singing star Bjork. (Teletext) (76004)
7.00 Fantastic Facts. Jonathan Ross introduces more strange-but-true stories. With Fiona Armstrong and Wilf Lunn (s) (2530)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (795)

Happier times: the late Dieter Plage (8.00pm)

8.00 Survival Special: Drawn to the Wild. (Teletext) *See Choice* (6207)
9.00 Switched at Birth. Continuing the fact-based drama about the two baby girls brought up by their non-biological parents after being accidentally swapped over in a maternity ward. Starring Bonnie Bedelia and Brian Kerwin. Concludes after the news. (Teletext) (6443)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (41820) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (298849)
10.40 Switched at Birth continued (890066)
11.30 Film: Liar's Moon (1982) starring Matt Dillon and Cindy Fisher. A Texas teenage romantic drama about a penniless young man and a young heiress whose burgeoning friendship is threatened by family secrets. Directed by David Fisher (s) (68207)
1.30am Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (s) (32405)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (84573)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews presented by Mariella Frostrup. Among the videos are two Louis Malle films, *Damage* and *Au Revoir les enfants*; the films include John Wayne classics *The Quiet Man* and *The Sands of Iwo Jima* (r) (22028)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (57202)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (50979)
5.30 ITN Morning News (58950). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff (1904714) **6.45 Ovide** (9766627)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (67917)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. Teenage drama (r) (35269)
9.30 Batman and Robin (r) (6314207) **9.50 Gustav the Pacifist.** Animation from Hungary (4169085) **9.55 Once Upon a Time . . . Space** (r) (6368240)
10.25 Kideo A children's guide to life's mysteries (r) (4171820) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin** (r) (5098207)
11.20 The Next Big Thing. The story of Diana Ross's step-daughter's efforts to become an established singer/songwriter (r) (s) (7307288)
11.50 Rumplestiltskin *A cartoon version of the classic* fairy story (8510443)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (48733)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (87801) **1.30 Sandokan** Animated swashbuckling adventures of a pirate prince (r) (65998)
2.00 Film: Whirlpool (1949, b/w) starring Gene Tierney, Richard Conte and Jose Ferrer. Melodramatic tale of a kleptomaniac who is saved from prosecution by a sinister hypnotist who wants to use her in an ingenious plan to murder his former mistress. Directed by Otto Preminger (378882)
3.45 Apple. Animator George Dunning's tale of an apple obsession (9879153)
3.55 In Their Own Words. Asian women talk about living and working in Britain (r) (3355917)
4.30 Countdown. *(Teletext) (s)* (608)
5.00 Hollywood Boulevard. A 1979 film short starring Tommy Tune as a roadsweeper who becomes a song and dance star — thanks to his fairy godmother. Directed by Lois Ann Polan (5943820)
5.15 Film: Ten Tall Men (1951) starring Burt Lancaster Lighthearted French Foreign Legion adventure about a disgraced sergeant leading nine men on a suicide mission to prevent a Moroccan bandit attack on a fort. Directed by Willis Goldbeck (43966462)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (740714)
7.50 Party Political Comment by a Conservative party politician (395462)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap. (Teletext) (s) (9820)
8.30 Tour de France On Bastille day the riders pump the 206km from Villard-de-Lans to Serre Chevalier (5627)

No blushes required: a Muslim bride (9.00pm)

9.00 Camera of Courage: Hello, Do You Hear Us? The fourth of a five-part tribute to the late Latvian film-maker Juris Podnieks. *The Wall* explores the treatment of Muslim brides in Uzbekistan if they are suspected of not being virgins (r) (4085)
10.00 The Golden Palace. Comedy spin-off from *The Golden Girls*. (Teletext) (s) (49462)
10.30 Sean's Show. Comedian Sean Hughes takes a surreal look at life (r) (s) (797530)
11.05 ENG. Drama series. (Teletext) (s) (328559)
12.05am Just For Laughs Special starring Rowan Atkinson, Vic Reeves and John Docherty (r) (s) (7784405)
12.40 Film: Paranya Atle Pyara Laadi (1980). The *Gujarati Nights* season continues with this story of a young woman who is told that she will lose all her inheritance if she does not marry within seven weeks of her father's death. Starring Mallika Sarabhai and Kiran Kumar. Directed by Chandrakant Sangal. In Gujarati with English subtitles (10583931). Ends at **3.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (100004) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2003288) **6.00** Home and Away (113240) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (286153) **11.30** Film: Case Closed (278646) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6558432) **1.40** 60 Minutes (3824757) **2.35** Cue the Music (4705196) **3.40** Film: Cover Girl Killer (7831478) **4.40** Riviera (96721467) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5724405)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15 Gardening Time (100004) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (4436066) **3.20-3.50** GP (2525269) **6.00** Lookaround (559) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (511) **11.30** Film: Case Closed (278646) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6558432) **1.40** 60 Minutes (8160405) **2.35** Cue the Music (1037931) **3.40** Film: Cover Girl Killer (7831478) **4.40** Riviera (96721467) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5724405)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (186424) **1.45** Home and Away (185795) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (100004) **3.20-3.50** Children's Island (2525269) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2003288) **6.00** Home and Away (113240) **6.25-7.00** Central News (286153) **11.30** Tour of Duty (948482) **12.25** Cloughie's Golden Oldies (4526432) **12.55** Entertainment UK (3804573) **1.55** Stage Three (8149912) **2.55** BPM (4729776) **4.05** Jobfinder (8519486) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5416075)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (186424) **1.45** Home and Away (24843443) **2.10-2.45** The de Medici Kitchen (3135172) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (2525269) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (2003288) **6.00** Home and Away (559) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (511) **11.30** Film: Case Closed (278646) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6558432) **1.40** 60 Minutes (8160405) **2.35** Cue the Music (1037931) **3.40** Film: Cover Girl Killer (7831478) **4.40-5.05** Riviera (96721467)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (185795) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (100004) **6.00 HTV News** (559) **6.30-7.00 The West Country Game** (511) **11.30 Film: Case Closed** (278646) **1.10 Cinema, Cinema** (6558432) **1.40 60 Minutes** (8160405) **2.35 Cue the Music** (1037931) **3.40 Film: Cover Girl Killer** (7831478) **4.40 Riviera** (96721467) **5.05-5.30 Jobfinder** (5724405)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Foley Square

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Southern Gold (100004) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2525269) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (559) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (511)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (100004) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (723627) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (511) **11.30** The Equalizer (948482) **12.25** American Gladiators (3087399) **1.15** Hollywood Report (14134) **1.45** Videofashion (13405) **2.15** Transworld Sport (724979) **3.15** Music Box (713863) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (8508370)

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Blockbusters (2525269) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (76004) **11.30** Film: Case Closed (278646) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6558432) **1.40** 60 Minutes (8160405) **2.35** Cue the Music (1037931) **3.40** Film: Cover Girl Killer (7831478) **4.40** Riviera (96721467) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5724405)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 The Young Doctors (185795) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (100004) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2525269) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (76004) **11.30** Film: Case Closed (278646) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6558432) **1.40** 60 Minutes (8160405) **2.35** Cue the Music (1037931) **3.40** Film: Cover Girl Killer (7831478) **4.40** Riviera (96721467) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5724405)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (100004) **5.55** Calendar (723627) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (511) **11.30** The Equalizer (948482) **12.25** American Gladiators (3087399) **1.15** Hollywood Report (14134) **1.45** Videofashion (13405) **2.15** Transworld Sport (724979) **3.15** Music Box

S4C
Starts: 9.00 Saved by the Bell (5719424) **9.25** Sandokan (5738559) **9.50** Batman and Robin (8395795) **10.15** Once Upon a Time...Space (9783085) **10.35** Kideo (6929646) **11.00** Tintin (3627) **11.30** The Next Big Thing (4356) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (48733) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (66627) **1.00** Take Five (60004) **1.30** A Different World (65998) **2.00** Film: I'll Be Seeing You (551379) **3.35** The Magic Roundabout (9869917) **3.40** The Oprah Winfrey Show (2300443) **4.30** Press Gang (608) **5.00** Countdown (7608) **5.30** Brookside (288) **6.00** News (504578) **6.10** Heno (199646) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6612) **7.30** Credo (337) **8.00** Y Bit Ar Belws (9820) **8.30** News (252443) **8.55** An Exchange of Fire (69603207) **10.35** Hwyr Neu Hwyrach (424172) **11.20** Tour de France (656849) **11.50** People First (434849) **12.20-12.25** The Jazz Package (5976973)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (16065849) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (3843795) **9.10** Cartoons (8822917) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (11191) **10.00** Card Sharks (5674424) **10.25** Concentration (8072240) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2397443) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (20375) **11.30** Falcon Crest (60511) **12.30pm** E Street (22207) **1.00** Another World (4519795) **1.45** Three's Company (749917) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (494240) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (720682) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5062559) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8733) **6.00** Games World (5375) **6.30** E Street (6627) **7.00** Rescue (9462) **7.30** Full House (6511) **8.00** Hunter (46801) **9.00** LA Law (33337) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (38424) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (94085) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (92288) **6.30** News and Business Report (418288) **9.30** Talkback (73795) **10.30** Fashion TV (55801) **11.30** Business Report (68153) **12.30pm** News And Business Report (66917) **1.30** CBS This Morning (87646) **2.30** Parliament Live (82812) **3.30** Parliament Live (93559) **4.30** News and Business Report (2424) **5.00** Live at Five (687068) **7.30** Fashion TV (3153) **8.00** News Hour (64917) **9.30** Talkback (92849) **11.30** CBS Evening News Tonight (73375) **12.30am** Fashion TV (15496) **1.30** CBS Evening News (70689) **2.30** Those Were The Days (94999) **3.30** CBS Evening News (72196) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (83641) **5.30** CBS Evening News (96134)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2916288)
10.00 The Time Guardian (1987). Time-travellers from the future arrive in a small Australian town (93795)
12.00 Darling Lili (1970). An American GI, Rock Hudson, falls in love with a spy, Julie Andrews (52511)
2.00pm Pieces of Dreams (1991). A priest and a social worker start working together (50004)
4.00 Aces High (1977): Drama about fighter pilots in the first world war. With Malcolm McDowell (3527)
6.00 The Time Guardian (as 10am) (30240)
8.00 V.I. Warshawski (1991): Kathleen Turner stars as a Chicago private eye (42085)
10.00 Hudson Hawk (1991): Bruce Willis sets out to commit the crime of the century (412733)
11.40 Naked Tango (1991). A woman escapes from her husband to a bordello in Buenos Aires where she meets a tango-dancer (427085)
1.15am Betrayal of Silence (1989): A district attorney investigates the death of a girl in an institution (580757)
2.45 Savage Harvest (1981): A family on safari find themselves in danger from lions (1206825)
4.10 A Force of One (1979): Karate champ Chuck Norris saves the day (8193850). Ends at **5.40**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Elephant Walk (1954): Elizabeth Taylor plays the wife of a tea planter (21530)
8.00 Georgy Girl (1966): Lynn Redgrave is subjected to the unwanted advances of James Mason (33375)
10.00 Omen III: The Final Conflict (1981): Damien is about to become US Ambassador to England (613838). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Prisoner (1955): A cardinal is interrogated (45578)
8.00 The Distant Home (1990): An Australian family discover their daughter is an alien (60530)
10.00 The Wolf Man (1941, b/w): Lon Chaney, Jr. plays a man bitten by a werewolf (91337)
12.00 Mutiny on the Buses (1973): Spin-off from the television comedy (50153)
2.00pm High Flight (1958): A reckless man trains for the RAF. With Ray Milland (58846)
4.00 The Distant Home (as 8.00am) (1207)
6.00 Return to Green Acres (1990) Feature length comedy based on the TV series (36882)
8.00 Green Card (1990): Comedy about a couple arranging a marriage of convenience. With Gérard Depardieu and Andie MacDowell (40627)
10.00 White Lie (1991): A black man tries to find out about his father's lynching (779530)
11.35 Ultraviolet (1991): Thriller in which two hikers meet a dazed stranger in Death Valley (257207)
1.00 Who Shot Patakango? (1990): Brooklyn teenage drama (182047)
2.50 Heaven Tonight (1987). An aging rocker tries to make a come back (976739). Ends at **4.30am**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (16199) **7.00** Rugby Union (47191) **9.00** Prime Bodies (41443) **9.30** Windsurfing (78085) **10.00** Fishing The West (27849) **10.30** Cricket — England XI v Rest Of World XI (3862424) **6.30** *Motor World* (8627) **7.00** Horse Racing (38443) **9.00** Rugby Union (81998) **11.00-1.00am** Australian Rugby League (37694)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (22882) **8.00** Sailing (34849) **9.00** Cycling: Tour De France (21714) **10.00** Eurotennis (83917) **12.00** Synchronised Swimming (86004) **1.00pm** Tour de France (938207) **3.30** Eurofun (3559) **4.00** European Youth Olympics (62375) **5.00** Triathlon European Championships (5801) **6.00** Triathlon World Cup (2443) **6.30** News (3795) **7.00** Football Copa America (23511) **9.00** Tour de France (86443) **10.00** Motor Racing (69530) **11.00** Kick Boxing (29795) **12.00** News (17641)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (8315207) **7.30** Neighbours (8394714) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2226917) **8.30** EastEnders (2225288) **9.00** The Bill (2209240) **9.30** Moon and Son (7639356) **10.30** Big Deal (4840288) **11.30** Happy Ever After (3457288) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2229004) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9083714) **1.00** EastEnders (8314578) **1.30** The Bill (9082085) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (2381153) **2.30** Citizen Smith (5256511) **3.00** Dallas (3451004) **4.00** Dynasty (3430511) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2305733) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5267627) **6.00** Neighbours (5257240) **6.30** Moon and Son (6590172) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (5277004) **8.00** EastEnders (2301917) **8.30** Citizen Smith (2380424) **9.00** Big Deal (9184397) **10.00** The Bill (2220733) **10.30** Lazarus And Dingwall (2206153) **11.00** Top of the Pops (3010004) **11.50** Dr Who (3467462) **12.20-2.00am** Film: Top Hat (1935): Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers musical (2629047)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (39269) **7.00** Ratkan II (95337) **9.00** Jack in the Box (78172) **11.00** Stories Without Words (49449) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (51248) **12.00** You Can't Do That On Television (31578) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (17998) **2.00** Stories Without Words (7288) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (9172) **3.00** Babar (2216269) **3.25** Ratkan II (50973153) **5.00** The Bartons — Pt 10 (12) (1240) **5.30** Saved By The Bell (8408) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (20462)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: A Crisis in Care
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Music, news and weather with Chris de Souza including Gade (Echoes of Ossian: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra); Schubert (Fantasy in C, D934: Adolf Busch, violin, Rudolf Serkin, piano); Tchaikovsky (Marche slave: Detroit Symphony Orchestra); Haydn (Symphony No 102 in B flat: Vienna State Opera Orchestra)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn. Michael Oliver presents the chamber music including Piano Trio in C minor, *Op 66 (Guarneri Trio)*; String Quartet in D, Op 44 No 1 (Melos Quartet)
10.00 Midweek Choice presented by Susan Sharpe. Lully (Marche pour la cérémonie des Turcs); Boieldieu (Overture, La Dame blanche); Delalande (Te Deum); Satie (Gnossiennes Nos 4-6); Berlioz (Le vieil Hiver, La Damnation de Faust); Saint-Saëns (Le rouet d'Omphale); Rameau (Formons les plus brillants concerts, Platée, Act 2); Françaix (Serenade for small orchestra); Marais (La rêveuse); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); *Daveaux* (Symphonie concertante, mêlée d'airs patriotiques)
12.00 Poet and Purist: Jonathan Swain traces the parallel development of the symphony and symphonic poem. Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Suisse Romande Orchestra); D'Indy (Symphony No 2 in B flat: Toulouse Capitole Orchestra) (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Manchester Summer Recital: The Brindisi Quartet performs Mozart (String Quartet in G, K156); Webern (Five Movements, Op 5); *Bridge (String Quartet No 4)*
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.30 Lute Music by Bach: Goran Söllscher, guitar, plays Fugue in G minor (BWV 1000); Suite in E flat (BWV1006a)
4.00 Choral Evensong
5.00 En Accord: Richard Baker presents a special French edition to celebrate Bastille Day
7.30 Suisse Romande Orchestra *under Dennis Russell Davies* performs Debussy (Iberia); Elliott (Three Occasions Variations for Orchestra)
8.40 Before Thomas Cook: Ian Ousby continues his exploration of travel-writing in the 18th century
9.05 Timeless Troubadour. John Buller (Towards Aquarius: Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez; Proença: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Mark Elder)
10.00 Grieg's Piano Music: Penelope Thwaites, piano, plays Grieg (Four Norwegian Dances: Spring Dance, Op 17 *No 3; Bridal Song Op 17 No 8;* I Know a Little Maiden, Op 17 No 16; Cow Bells, Op 17 No 22; Piano Sonata in E minor, Op 7; 7 Slatter, Op 72)
10.45 Night Waves: Valentine Cunningham reviews *The Mountain Giants* by Pirandello at the National Theatre and talks to Christopher Ricks about his book on the art of Samuel Beckett
11.30 Hausmusik: the ensemble plays Schubert (Adagio and Rondo in F, D487; Quintet in A, D667, Trout)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (Except in *Scotland. As broadcast this* am on R5)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing incl* **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25** Sports News; 7.45 Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves and birthday guest Susan George
10.00-10.30 The Joy of Smelling (FM only): See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible. The Fifth Book of *Moses, Deuteronomy, read by* Martin Jarvis (1 of 6) (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray invites listeners to exercise parent power. The studio audience will be putting their questions to a panel including the education minister Baroness Blatch. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 A Perfect Spy by John Le Carré. Starring James Fox, James Grout and Brenda Bruce (3 of 8) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping *Forecast*
2.00 News; Safe in Our Hands: Colin Douglas's drama on the history of the National Health Service as seen through the lives of two generations of Edinburgh doctors (final part)
2.47 Smashing Pots: Nigel Barley shares his passion for African pots (r)
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 RSVP: Matthew Parris investigates letters which have no known reply. Sydney Smith wrote to a friend of his low spirits, yet he is remembered as a bon vivant
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: *Quentin Cooper reports on* Steven Spielberg's heavily publicised new film *Jurassic Park*, and visits *Marvin's Room*, with Alison Steadman
4.45 Short Story: Lola by Javier Cercas. Read by David Horovitch
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993 (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Age to Age: Christopher Cook compares Boris Yeltsin and Alexander Kerensky
8.45 The Reith Lectures: Representations of the Intellectual. Professionals and Amateurs. Edward Said, professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University, considers whether amateur intellectuals are able to influence society in the age of professionals backed by institutions
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Martin Webber **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book At Bedtime: The Queen and I by Sue Townsend *read by Miriam* Margoyles (3 of 8)
11.00 Adventures at the Edge of the World: Christina Dodwell tells of her adventures travelling through Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

The Joy of Smelling. *Radio 4 (FM only), 10.00am*
If the title of this series reminds you of a famous sex manual, then you will not be surprised to hear the arguments presented on today's concluding show. According to Dr George Dodd, who spends much of this programme skulking about a Birmingham nightclub with presenter Michael Collie, sexual chemistry is all about our pheromones making conversation. In other words, our sweaty smell is a real turn on. Apparently we give off fewer pheromones the longer we have known somebody. Worse still, our sense of smell may decline. "Use it, don't lose it", is Dodd's stern final message.

Terry Nutkins's Nature. *Radio 5, 12.30pm*
Despite the presenter's cute surname, this enlightening new wildlife series steers short of sentimentality. True, the star guest on the first programme, bird rescuer, Liz Dorer, talks about looking after "Mr and Mrs Swan", but her tales about the grisly fates that can meet these birds are all too realistic. Lighter items include a search for the legendary Durham puma and an expert's choice of an animal, plant or insect for company on a desert island. **Stephanie Billen**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow with Neale James **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **6.15am** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd **8.00** Eurofolk In Concert with Paul James **8.30** Gerry Anderson's Ireland **9.00** Black Voices (2 of 6) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Alan Dedicoat **3.00** Steve Madden

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** *6.00am World Service: Newshour 6.30 Danny* Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools: Topic Resources 7-9, **9.15** Dance Workshop; **9.35** Verse Universe; **9.45** Time and Tune; **10.05** Drama Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Terry Nutkins's Nature: See Choice **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.40** Five Aside **7.15** No More School **7.30** Tony Jacklin's Golf Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf. The Shepherd's Calendar **5.45** Country Style **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Development '93 **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Party Party **9.30** My Music **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Country Style **10.30** From Age to Age **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Omnibus **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update Noon Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Artists in a Nutshell **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Shepherd's Calendar **3.45** Good Books **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Assignment **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Sports International **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** Multitrack 2 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Loved One **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Waveguide **2.40** Book Choice **2.45** The Farming World **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Sports International **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Bartók (Concerto for Orchestra) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Book Browse **8.00** Evening Concert: Orff (Carmina Burana); Walton (Belshazzar's Feast) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Sarah Ward

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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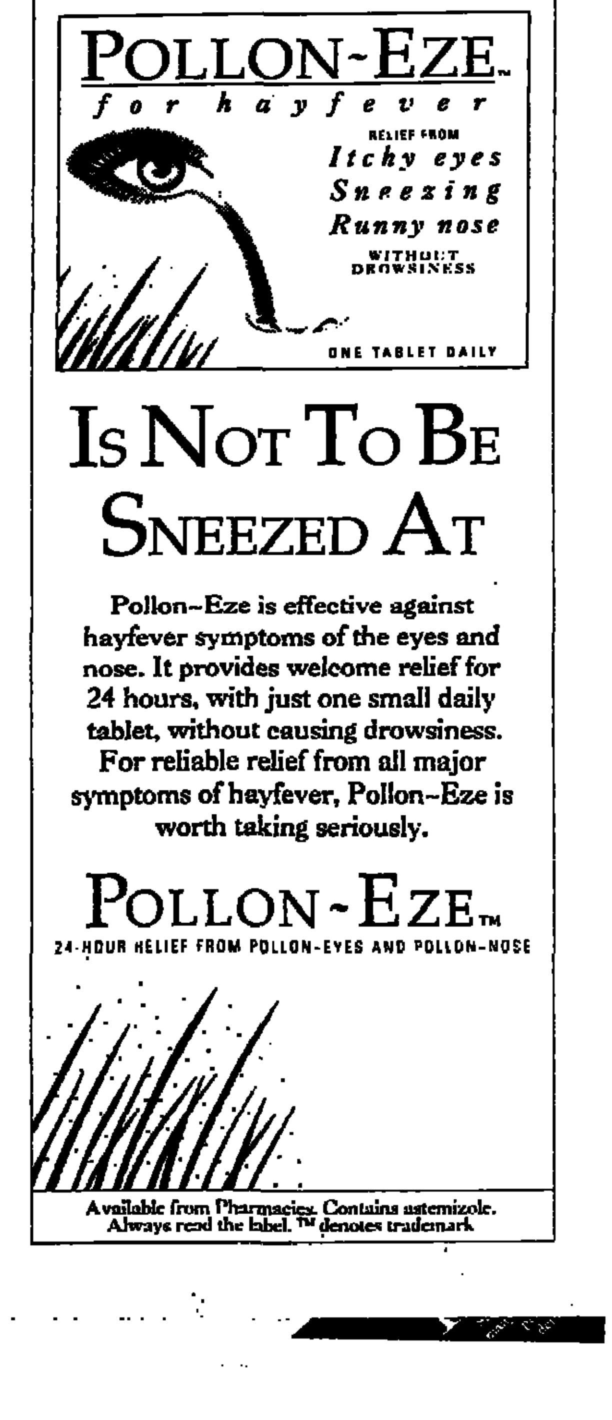

Famous setting for opening of women's cricket World Cup

Dressed for the occasion: Dorte Christiansen, of Denmark, poses for photographers at the opening ceremony of the women's cricket World Cup at the Oval yesterday. Denmark will provide the opening opposition for England, at Banstead, when the competition gets under way on Tuesday at club grounds around the country. The games will be played on a league basis, with the two top sides meeting in the final at Lord's on August 1. Totally amateur, women's cricket lacks big sponsors and this tournament represents its best chance of publicity. Karen Smithies, the England captain, said: "We have been building up to this for several years and I would like to emulate Rachael Heyhoe-Flint and lift the World Cup as she did 20 years ago." Each of England's players has spent several thousand pounds of their own money to represent their country. "We've been meeting for practice virtually every weekend since February," Smithies, 24, a betting shop manager, said. The other teams in the competition are Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, India, Ireland and Holland. The World Cup was officially opened by Sir Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

President happy with bid to stage Olympics

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BY JOHN GOODBODY

JUAN Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said yesterday that Manchester was doing "a wonderful job" in trying to get the 2000 Olympic Games. But he declined to give the city his personal backing.

Samaranch spent yesterday touring the north-west looking at prospective sites for the Games. He said that, because he was the IOC president, he did not have any voting powers and the decision on the venue for the Games was up to the 92 other members of the IOC when the poll is taken in Monte Carlo on September 23.

Samaranch said that Manchester's bid had improved considerably from when he was in the city four years ago, when it attempted to obtain the 1996 Games but went out in the second round of the competition won by Atlanta.

He said: "I have to congratulate the organisers on this bid. I believe that there is a lot of improvement compared to four years ago. A lot of venues are under construction and if only the bidding process can achieve this, we can see what will happen if Manchester is awarded the Games."

Asked if he had any advice for the organisers, he said: "They should work very hard until the last minute." Asked whether the technical report that confirmed Sydney as the front-runner was important, he replied: "Yes. It is an education for IOC members but it is not everything."

Samaranch will today see John Major, the prime minister, at No 10 Downing Street, for an informal meeting before having lunch with leading figures in the British Olympic Association and the Manchester bid.

A trump for Manchester is that Major has promised to be in Monte Carlo for the vote to help promote the candidate city against its rivals — Sydney, Peking, Berlin, Brasilia and Istanbul.

The government has already underwritten the £2 billion cost of staging the biggest sports event in the world and provided £70 million in cash for erecting two facilities that Samaranch saw being built yesterday.

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Gordon faces BAF enquiry

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's leading field event athletes, Peter Gordon, has been suspended by the British Athletic Federation (BAF) pending an investigation into a drugs test infringement, ruling him out of the trials for the world championships in Birmingham this weekend.

Gordon, ranked No 2 in the discus this season, faces a BAF hearing after failing to provide the required urine sample at the British championships at Crystal Palace five weeks ago. He has written to the BAF asking for the suspension to be lifted for the trials but is yet to receive a reply.

"I think I would have heard by now if I was going to be reinstated for the weekend," Gordon, who is the northern and inter-counties champion, said yesterday. He does not dispute that he failed to meet the requirements of the test but argues that the circumstances merit leniency.

Although he submitted a sample, it was less than the stipulated 70ml. He was unable, he said, to provide a full sample before having to leave Crystal Palace to tend to the needs of his 24-hour security business in Tyneside. He had a sample taken by his doctor within 48 hours but was told it was not acceptable.

"It was not a case of saying I was not going to provide a sample," Gordon said. "I suppose that, technically, I have contravened the doping procedures, so I have got to go before an enquiry. I provided a partial sample. As a result they suspended me from competition and there is a hearing in the next few weeks. I have never taken drugs. That did not come into it.

"I have been competing for over 20 years and have always been available for drugs tests. They have always been negative. But, on this occasion, pressure was building up at work and I had to get back. As far as I know they have tested it (the partial sample) and it is negative."

The BAF declined to discuss the case yesterday. "There was an incident at the British championships and it is being dealt with according to our rules and procedures," was all that David Bedford, the BAF secretary, would say.

If Gordon, 42, is banned he will join Jason Livingston, Neal Brunning and Robert Hamilton-Jones on the list of British athletes suspended for contravening drugs regulations. While Livingston and Brunning failed tests, Hamilton-Jones was banned for not providing a sample.

Bumpy ride adds spice

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THERE is a new spirit abroad in professional golf. It is an acceptance that the rub of the green, in the form of uneven fairways and unpredictable weather, forms an acceptable aspect of the Open, the most historic of the major championships. There is no more point in raging against it than there is in raging against the rising of the sun or the setting of the moon.

Lee Janzen, the US Open champion, is an articulate proponent of this view point. Dave Musgrove, his caddie at last year's Open, reported that Janzen could not wait for the rain to start at Muirfield so that he could don his waterproofs and play the Open in what he had always considered to be the appropriate conditions.

"It's great to play golf like this," the 28-year-old said after his second practice round at Royal St George's, where the 122nd Open starts tomorrow. "It's totally different and it's nice to hit different shots. I've watched British Opens on TV and read about them and I know the ball is going to bounce in funny ways and the wind is going to blow."

On such a bumpy course as Sandwich, whose fairways can resemble a rumpled duvet, it is easy to complain at the uneven bounces. "But that applies to all links courses," Sandy Lyle, the 1985 Open champion, pointed out. "Last year at Muirfield it rained a bit and that cut down on the bounces." "Don't forget," added Tom Watson, five times the Open champion, "you can get a very good break from a bad shot as well as getting a bad break from a good shot."

Increasingly, the professionals are expressing a feeling of pleasure at the unusual shots a course such as Sandwich expects them to be able to play. "In the US our Tour tends to follow the seasons," Janzen said yesterday. "The courses are the same. We are flying the ball at the flag. It is target golf. Over here you have to figure yourself a new number. If you are 180 yards downwind you know you hit it 140 yards here and not 180 like in the US."

Whereas US Open courses with their narrow fairways, deep rough and fast greens demand rigorously accurate play and nerveless putting, Open courses test a player's imagination in thinking up a shot and then his skill in executing it. "Seve [Ballesteros] has been so good because he can invent shots you normally don't have to play," Greg Norman, the 1986 Open champion, said. "But you have to play them around St George's and that's why I love playing over here. You have to play a vast variety of golf to get the ball from A to B. It is true golf."

Because these conditions are so unfamiliar to Americans, it is they who have spoken out most strongly about them in the past. But Payne Stewart allied himself with the supporters, rather than the critics, of the Open when he said: "I wish we would play more often on courses like these. It is good to see the ball land 30 yards short of the green and run on. If we had that in the US it would make us better players."

This year the shortage of rain in southeast England has left St George's bone hard, as firm as any Open course has been in living memory. This adds an extra factor into the equation: namely the extra distance a ball will roll. "You could hit a pitching wedge 150 yards downwind or a six-iron 120 yards into the wind," Nick Faldo, the defending champion, said after a couple of practice rounds.

Being beside the seaside makes St George's more susceptible to weather variations. In the space of half an hour yesterday afternoon, for example, the wind rose considerably. Rain had been forecast for midday but did not materialise. Instead, it arrived soon after 5pm and only a few minutes later it came with a vengeance. Half an hour after that, the wind had fallen again and the rain had stopped.

Is the course unfair, Watson was asked. "I would prefer to say unlucky," He replied. "It is a feel course. You have to feel the shot into the fairway and into the hole. It is not a target course."

Watson is 43, an elder statesman on the US Tour, and captain of the US Ryder Cup team to play at The Belfry in September. He has played in every Open since 1975, which he won, and four Ryder Cup teams, three in Britain. His view of the Open, its conditions, its challenge, thus stands scrutiny. "You have to understand the bumps. In the US if they built a course like this, they'd say "what's this guy been drinking?" But it has a lot of character. The more I play it, the more I like it."

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Janzen: likes challenge

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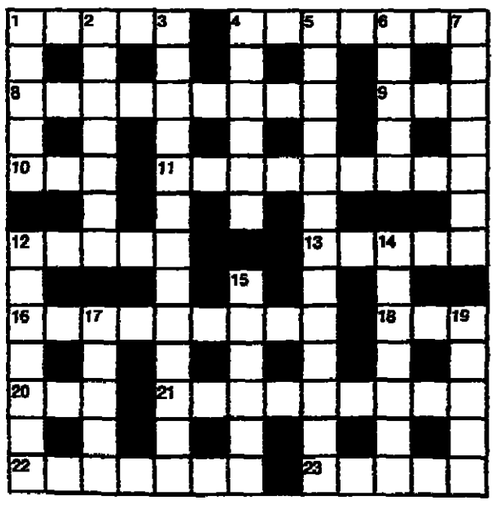

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13 Jockey's straps (5)
16 Worker's record (9)
18 Eavesdropping device (3)
20 Salesman (5)
21 Price increase rate (9)
22 Shyness (7)
23 Supple (5)

DOWN
1 Wallow (5)
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3 Adjust to circumstances (4,4,5)
4 Harvester (6)
5 Path to fortune (8,5)
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7 Passionate woman (7)
12 Meantime (7)
14 Integral (7)
15 Bell tower (6)
17 Light motor cycle (5)
19 Congealed matter (5)

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By Raymond Keene

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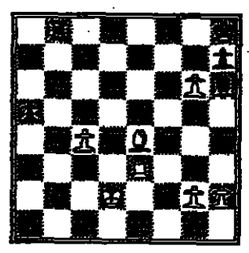

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By Philip Howard

CATAPHATIC
a. Having writer's block
b. Defining God positively
c. Stammering

KRAGDADIG
a. Resolute
b. Rescue archaeology
c. A silicate quartz

TORBA
a. An unruly crowd
b. A partisan banner
c. A primitive cement

RATO
a. A potent rats bane
b. Logic or reason
c. A rocket launch

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